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NRP may quit coalition

Shamir seeking way to keep Peretz in cabinet

By ASHER WALLFISH
and SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Correspondents

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was still casting about anxiously last night for a way to keep Interior Minister Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz in the cabinet, but was apparently no closer to a solution. Peretz formally announced his resignation at yesterday's weekly Cabinet session. The resignation takes effect tomorrow (Tuesday) at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, the National Religious Party's MKs yesterday let Shamir know that the party may leave the coalition if no solution were found to the conversion registration problem.

At a meeting with Shamir last night the NRP MKs further stressed that the party would oppose the dropping of the nationality category from ID cards, despite the fact that the NRP had initially been divided on that issue.

The NRP's sole suggestion for a way out of the impasse for the time being is that Shas's Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz stay in office but refuse to honour the High Court of Justice ruling that reform convert Shoshana Miller be registered as a Jew.

It was not clear last night whether the lawyer for Shoshana Miller, to whom Peretz refused to issue an identity card with the category "Jewish," will go to the Population Registry today, as he is entitled to do under a High Court order, and demand Miller's card. If he does so, it is not clear who will sign the card in the space reserved for the signature of the "Interior Minister." Today, Peretz still holds that post.

At yesterday's consultations with Prime Minister Shamir the point was raised among some of the participants that there may have been no basis for the assumption that today was the deadline for issuing Shoshana Miller's ID card to her or her representative, as ordered by the High Court. If this new assertion proves valid, it will mean that there will be more time to deal with the thorny problem of the registration of non-Orthodox converts, and a possibility of Peretz's withdrawing his resignation.

In last night's consultations between Shamir and the NRP leaders, Minister of Religious Affairs Zevulun Hammer is reported to have raised the old idea of having the Israeli rabbinate automatically approve all North American conversions performed by a joint *beit din* (religious court) of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform streams.

The idea of such a joint conversion court has been discussed in the U.S. for some time, but the main stumbling block has been the adamant refusal of the Orthodox to recognize Conservative and Reform rabbis who do not have Orthodox ordination as qualified rabbis.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu was scheduled to meet Shamir this morning to raise the same idea.

Corfu told *The Jerusalem Post*: "At one time, the Reform institutions turned the idea down. Now, if the Reform Jews are ready to go along with the idea, and the other two streams agree, we might effect a long-term breakthrough."

Shamir said at the cabinet session yesterday that he regretted Peretz's

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New York Cardinal John O'Connor (centre) prays yesterday at the Western Wall. Looking on is Rabbi Yehuda Getz, the rabbi of the Wall. Story, page 4. (Isaac Harari)

Face-saving formula

NY Cardinal meets Herzog 'in his home'

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a compromise arrangement intended to save face and political positions, Cardinal John O'Connor of New York yesterday called upon President Herzog at Beit Hanassi. But he came in a plain black clerical suit rather than in his cardinal's robes and insisted, after the meeting, that he had been "invited to pay an informal visit to the president in his home."

The cardinal is scheduled this morning to meet Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in his home.

The prelate, who during the other parts of his visit had consistently worn the red robe of his office, said that he had in no way contravened the guidelines set down for officials of his rank by the Vatican. These had precluded his calling on senior Israeli government officials at their offices in Jerusalem, with the exception of the minister for religious affairs. (See 'Vatican' story below)

Speaking later last night at a Catholic-Jewish meeting sponsored by the Israel Interfaith Association, O'Connor said he saw no chance of a change in the present Vatican position on Israel, without a prior resolution of three areas of concern to the Vatican – the Palestinian issue, the internationalization of Jerusalem, and the custody of the holy places.

As to the suggestion that, like the White House, Beit Hanassi is both the private residence and public office of the president of Israel, O'Connor noted that he himself had been in the White House and that building has both a residential section and offices.

In fact, O'Connor entered a small side entrance with a sign in Hebrew reading *lishkat hanasi* (the president's office). Another more imposing entrance is used to welcome heads of state and ambassadors.

The meeting was held in a room described by an aide to the president as Herzog's "study." The Israeli flag and the presidential standard were

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New round of talks on economic pact

By AVI TEMKIN
and MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

A new round of talks between the Histadrut and the government on the proposed "broad agreement for the economy" is due to begin this afternoon, as Vice Premier Shimon Peres and Finance Minister Moshe Nissim meet Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar.

The talks with the labour federation are expected to deal with an agreement on prices and wages, as well as with the proposed reforms in the capital market and the tax system.

Peres and Nissim are expected to meet later this week with the heads of the Manufacturers Association. If enough progress is achieved in today's meeting and the one with the industrialists, a trilateral forum, of the government, the Histadrut and the private employers, will be convened to finish the details of a possible package deal.

The Histadrut yesterday announced the conditions on which it would be prepared to discuss the formulation of a new economic programme with the government.

The Finance Minister must withdraw its tax reform proposal to cancel exemptions and discounts for workers and other groups; a public committee of experts, including Histadrut representatives, must be appointed to formulate a less far-going tax reform which would improve net pay without cancelling exemptions and tax discounts; and the government must forgo its intention to impose payments for visits to physicians.

Senior Histadrut sources intimated last week that if the Histadrut's basic conditions were met it would be willing to modify its wage demands or even spread them out over a period longer than a year, so as not to burden the state budget.

The sources noted that if the government succeeds in implementing price control and takes other measures to ensure a low inflation rate, then the cost of living allowance will not be paid very often, if at all.

The Histadrut Central Committee announced yesterday that the Histadrut could not agree to give up tax exemptions granted by law to disabled army veterans, victims of work accidents, war widows, parents of retarded children and other such groups.

Vatican reported caught by surprise

By LISA PALMIERI-BILLIG
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ROME. – New York Cardinal John O'Connor's visit with President Herzog yesterday seems to have taken the Vatican by surprise.

Official Vatican spokesman Joachim Navarro was hard pressed to explain the visit in light of a statement he issued five days ago that "the directives for a cardinal visiting Israel do not include encounters with government officials in Jerusalem."

In an effort to explain the turnaround, Navarro told the Italian news agency Ansa, "In considering the meeting of Cardinal O'Connor with the head of state and the ministers of Israel, we must remember that in 1964 Paul VI also received the head of the Jewish State, and that two heads of government – Golda Meir and Shimon Peres – were received at the Vatican: the first by Paul VI himself and the second by John Paul II."

He added, "the State of Israel or its sovereignty is not at issue. As is known, the issue regards the status of the city of Jerusalem, the problem of the occupied territories and the Palestinian issue."

"I think," he continued "the acts of courtesy of Cardinal O'Connor do not involve these problems, which must be solved in appropriate circumstances."

At a press conference held here last week, Navarro referred reporters to Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter of April 20, 1984 and stressed that its contents remained Vatican policy.

In that letter the pope wrote, "although I cannot be there [in Jerusalem] physically, I nevertheless feel that I am spiritually a pilgrim in that land..." He specified two demands generally considered to be the *sine qua non* conditions for Vatican recognition of the State of Israel" (a term introduced into official "Vaticanese" with the papacy of John Paul II).

These conditions, observers here say, remain unchanged despite recent improvements of relations between the Holy See and the Jewish people.

The first condition is that "a special status [be established for Jerusalem] with international guarantees that cannot be placed in jeopardy by any party in the future." Jerusalem is defined as "...not only...the monuments and holy places, but the entirety of historic Jerusalem and the

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Israeli gunships hit S. Lebanon villages

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Israeli helicopter gunships yesterday fired rockets and shells on targets in two South Lebanon villages.

The IDF action was in apparent retaliation for an attack by Hizbullah extremists on Friday night on a nearby stronghold of the South Lebanese Army. That attack left six SLA soldiers killed and two wounded.

IDF sources said the targets – a three-storey building in Khirbet Salum and two two-storey houses in Kabriha, some five kilometres away – were used by Hizbullah for staging terrorist attacks.

The helicopters appeared over their targets at about 1:15 p.m. and the attack lasted some 10 to 15 minutes.

The three buildings were difficult to identify because they appeared to be normal residences, a military source added. But the pilots reported "good hits on the targets," an official IDF spokesman said.

The two villages are situated some five kilometres from the SLA stronghold at Barashit that Hizbullah attacked on Friday night. The attack brought to 20 the number of SLA soldiers killed by Hizbullah since last August.

All told, 97 SLA soldiers have been killed since May 1985 and 197 wounded in attacks by various enemy groups, Israeli sources calculated.

Reuters reported yesterday from Beirut that military sources in Tyre said Israel had sent troops to at least three points on the northern edge of the security zone.

Thirty troop carriers and several jeeps were seen in hills overlooking Barashit, the sources said.

Zakheim here with five Lavi alternatives

By HIRSH GOODMAN
in Jerusalem
and WALTER RUBY
in New York

Pentagon official Dov Zakheim, who arrived in Israel yesterday for three days of talks on the future of the Lavi fighter aircraft will try to convince the Israeli defence establishment to drop the multi-billion dollar Lavi project and opt for an American fighter instead.

Zakheim, the U.S. deputy undersecretary for defence, is said to have arrived here with five alternatives to the Lavi, which he told a Washington radio station' yesterday would answer Israel's operational, industrial and technological needs.

Apparently there are 19 different variations of the five alternatives, the most probable being a General Dynamics F-16 aircraft that will contain a high degree of Israeli-made electronics and avionics.

While still officially staunchly behind the Lavi project, many Israeli officials have privately begun to express concern recently that Israel will not be able to sustain the investment needed to continue with the Lavi. Whereas it had been envisioned that $550 million would be spent each year to produce 24 of the fighters, it is now clear that the sum could reach $700 m. a year.

The U.S., by act of Congress, provides $300 m. annually for the Lavi. The balance is to be met by Israel.

Israeli defence officials told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that "Zakheim would get a fair hearing" and that the American official's arguments would be given a more receptive hearing than in the past.

Due to the budgetary realities in Israel in recent months, a marked change of attitude has developed towards what was previously considered a national project.

Newsweek reports in its latest edition that Zakheim will offer Israel production rights for up to 300 American jets including sophisticated F-16s if Israel will halt production of the Lavi.

Newsweek notes that the F-16s could be outfitted with sophisticated Israeli electronics designed to penetrate Soviet-built Syrian air defences.

According to the magazine, Israel is reluctant to forgo the Lavi, especially after its successful maiden flight last week, but may consider doing so if Washington agrees to pay $500 m. in sub-contracts already granted for the Lavi, and agrees to fund a new Israeli aeronatics project that would employ several hundred Israeli designers and engineers.

Nurses strike averted as Nissim relents

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino and Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, in an hour and a half meeting yesterday, came up with a "solution" that prevented a reprise of last year's months-long hospital nurses strike.

Nissim, who for weeks had agreed to allocate only NIS 1 million to meet the hospital nurses' demands yesterday agreed to fund *all the remaining* parts of the accord with the nurses signed last fall that had not yet been implemented.

Observers in the health system believe that Nissim changed his position to ensure quiet on the hospital front in order to help push through his economic and tax reform programme.

Nissim had agreed to a meeting with the health minister only after pressure from Prime Minister Shamir, who was reluctant to see a repeat performance of the scenes of evacuated patients and hospitalized old people crying for help from absent nurses.

The hospital nurses will get free transportation to and from work, so that no one will have to hitchhike in the dark, Nissim promised.

In addition, apartments will be rented near hospitals, especially those in the outlying towns, to house nurses who had quit or gone over to part-time work as an inducement to return to full-time work.

The Treasury will also finance 1,000 job slots for nurses in government hospitals needed to make up for the shorter, 36-hour, work week agreed to last fall. The other empty slots will be filled by nurses willing to work overtime.

In addition, the Treasury will make available a total of NIS 24 million to cover the basic needs of hospitals around the country, whose medical supplies have run extremely low in recent months.

The per diem fee for hospitalization, paid by the health funds, will also be increased to help cover these added expenditures.

Approval must still be formally granted for some of the items by the Knesset Finance Committee, but its chairman has signalled his approval already.

The nurses, pleased by the sudden shift in their favour, decided yesterday to suspend "for a few days" the plans to unilaterally cut their work week.

Hospitals with severe equipment and medicine shortages, especially *in the outlying areas, yesterday* continued to release non-critical patients, but they are expected to be readmitted as soon as the treasury money is transferred to them. The most hard-hit of these hospitals was the Nahariya government hospital.

Istanbul synagogue massacre

Finger pointed at Syria, Libya, Iran

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. – Syria, Libya and Iran were reported yesterday by *The New York Times* to have been the "three possible sponsors" of last September's massacre at the Istanbul synagogue, in which 22 Jewish worshippers were killed.

In an article which was the result of a six-week investigation by one of its top correspondents, Judith Miller, the paper said that the evidence for the role of the three states in the massacre was "circumstantial" but "persuasive."

Miller, now deputy Washington correspondent of *The Times* and formerly the paper's Cairo bureau chief, reported in the cover story in yesterday's *New York Times Magazine* that both Turkey, because of its long borders with Iran and Syria, and the U.S., because of the Iran arms scandal, are not likely to go beyond blaming the terrorist leader Abu Nidal for the massacre inside Istanbul's Neveh Shalom synagogue.

However, Miller reported Turkish police suspect a Syrian diplomat and two Iranian diplomats, whom it quietly expelled in November on suspicion of involvement in the 1985 murder of a Jordanian diplomat in Ankara, as also having been involved in the synagogue massacre.

Miller reported that one of the Palestinian terrorists seized after the hijacking of a Pan American plane in Karachi had identified a composite drawing of one of the two attckers of the Istanbul synagogue (both of whom blew themselves up after killing the worshippers) as having been a member of the Abu Nidal group.

According to Miller, however, many of the weapons used by the two guerillas in the synagogue were of the same type as those used in an attempted bombing of the American officers' club in Ankara last spring. This fact, according to *The Times* has led Turkish police to suspect Libyan involvement in the synagogue raid.

Turkey prevailed upon Libya to withdraw three of its diplomats after two Libyans were arrested last April soon after the U.S. bombing of Tripoli. The two were charged with attempting to plant grenades on the roof of the American officer' club. Safet Arikan Beduk, chief of the Turkish police and director-general for security, confirmed to Miller that the grenades found outside the club were the same make and model as those found inside the Neveh Shalom synagogue.

Miller noted that the Abu Nidal group never claimed responsibility for the synagogue attack, although according to Atef Abu Bakr, Abu Nidal's spokesman, the group always claims responsibility for its actions. Also, according to Miller, Abu Nidal is not noted for staging overt suicide missions.

Miller said these facts have led many counter terrorist experts to doubt that the Abu Nidal group carried out the attack on its own.

According to Miller, the evidence "suggests that the massacre was carried out not by one (terrorist) group, but by several, with the assistance of more than one government acting together and sharing responsibilities and a division of terrorist labour."

Peres criticizes Shin Bet report

In his first public comment on the General Security Service (Shin Bet) report, Foreign Minister Peres said yesterday that he feels no need to apologise about any of his actions in the affair, according to Israel Radio last night.

But he implicitly disagreed with the report's contention that the government had been mistaken in arguing that it was acting in the interest of state security at various stages of the affair. Peres said that it was the government rather than the authors of the report – three senior Justice Ministry officials – who had to determine what was necessary for state security

Deportee now PLO chief in S. Lebanon

Abdel Aziz Ali Shaheen, who was deported to Lebanon in February 1985, is now regional commander of all Palestinian terrorists in South Lebanon, Israel TV reported last night.

Shaheen had served a 15-year jail term in Israel for his PLO activity in Hebron.

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HELSINKI	−21	−6	−18	0	Clear
HONG KONG	17	63	17	63	Rain
JOHANNESBURG	15	59	27	81	Clear
LISBON	9	48	14	57	Clear
LONDON	2	36	10	50	Rain
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MONTREAL	−6	21	0	32	Cloudy
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Golan	65	7–14	12
Nahariya	58	9–17	16
Safad	77	7–11	11
Haifa Port	76	11–18	17
Tiberias	68	8–19	18
Nazareth	72	9–16	17
Afula	70	6–19	18
Shomron	72	6–16	15
Tel Aviv	69	10–18	17
B-G Airport	58	8–18	17
Jericho	71	8–20	20
Gaza	57	10–18	17
Beersheba	69	6–19	18
Eilat	55	8–21	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. J. Muller of the Bundestag Finance Committee and his party visited the Weizmann Institute of Science yesterday and met with Professors Israel Dostrovsky, Israel Pecht and William Taub.

Jerusalem painter Shaul Shatz was yesterday awarded the Shoshana Ish-Shalom prize for an Israeli artist at a ceremony at the Jerusalem Artists House. To mark the 85th birthday of former Jerusalem mayor Mordecai Ish-Shalom, a special prize was also awarded to another Jerusalem artist, Hana Ben-Avraham.

Police seek owner of car in Post stabbing

By JOEL GREENBERG

Police yesterday were searching for the owner of a car used by three men who clubbed and stabbed two Arab night-watchmen while trying to force their way into *The Jerusalem Post* building late Thursday night.

Though the make and Israeli licence number of the car were immediately reported to police by *Post* employees, the vehicle has not yet been found.

The assailants, apparently Israeli, attacked the watchmen after being refused entry to the building to obtain copies of the Jerusalem weekly *Kol Ha'ir*.

One of the guards, who suffered a punctured lung when he was stabbed in the chest and abdomen, was still being treated at Shaare Zedek Hospital last night.

The stabbing occurred two weeks after a similar incident, in which one of the guards used karate to drive away men who tried to force their way into *The Post* building to obtain copies of *Kol Ha'ir*. The wounded guard said the stabbers were not the same persons he had encountered previously.

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'Aids threat to Nakash in France'

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Were he extradited to France, Wiliam Nakash's life would be endangered not only by revenge-seeking Arab prisoners, but also by the threat of Aids, which has spread to some 10 per cent of France's prison population, Nakash's attorney Roland Roth told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

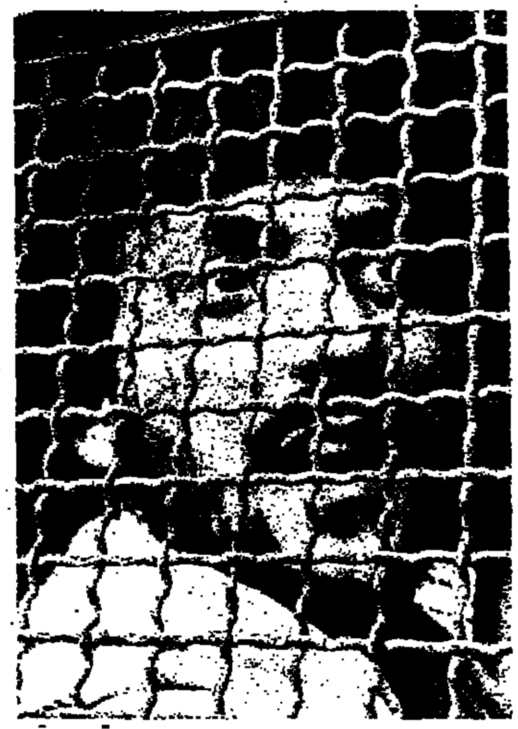
Roth and two colleagues appeared in a five-hour hearing before the High Court in defence of Justice Minister's Avraham Sharir's decision not to extradite Nakash to France.

Roth based his claims on reports from the French daily *Le Monde* and on an affidavit submitted by an Israeli who had recently returned to Israel after several years in a French jail. The former prisoner also claimed there were numerous suicides in French jails and that Israeli and Jewish prisoners were constantly harassed and ill-treated by Arab prison inmates.

"Although he wouldn't be too pleased about it," Nakash would prefer to serve out a life prison term in Israel rather than face "even a 10 per cent chance" of dying in a French jail, Roth told the court.

France had repeatedly refused to extradite Basque terrorists to Spain and Red Brigade members to Italy, Roth added. "With all my sympathy for that country," said the French-born attorney, "I must point out that France has become an asylum for many criminals."

Justice Dov Levin told Roth that Nakash had turned himself into a target by publicizing the anti-Arab background to his February, 1983 killing in the French town of Besancon.



William Nakash calls out through the grill of a police van yesterday on his way to the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem. (Rahamim Israeli)

Levin pointedly commented that no one had asked the French "whether they were capable of safeguarding Nakash's life."

Later in the hearing, Levin also said that Sharir "has not utilized any intelligence-gathering organization" to learn the facts about French jails.

Nakash, who sat quietly through the hearing, told reporters that he regretted his role in the 1983 killing. Algerian-born Abdelali Hakkar had been shot by his accomplices, not by himself, he said.

Nakash also said that he was prepared to hand himself over to the French in exchange for the extradition to Israel of the murderer of Israeli diplomat Ya'acov Bar-Simantov, who was assassinated outside his Paris home in April, 1982.

Rabbi Simha Meron, representing Nakash's wife, Rina, told the court that the entire extradition proceedings should be started anew, because the French extradition request, based on a bilateral Israeli-French treaty had been replaced in May, 1985 by a multilateral European treaty.

The new European treaty, Meron said, allows Israel to refuse an extradition request if the prisoner's life is deemed endangered for political, racial or religious reasons.

Meron defended a rabbinical court order, issued at Rina Nakash's request, that bars her husband from leaving the country. Meron explained that only in Israel could Nakash be compelled to appear before the rabbinical court and grant his wife a *get* (bill of divorce).

Meron also asked the court to consider the reaction of world Jewry should Nakash be murdered in France after having been turned over by Israel.

Attorney Dan von Weisl, representing MKs Yuval Ne'eman, Eliezer Waldman (both Tehiya) and Benny Shalita (Likud) told the High Court that it should not serve as an appellate court on political and legislative decisions.

The court will hear the petitioners' attorneys at a later date.

Moda'i's foes fight back

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. – Yitzhak Moda'i's political foes yesterday pulled the rug out from under him by calling a session of the party council to be held this Thursday. Moda'i had previously called for the council to meet next Sunday after charging that he had been betrayed by the other Liberal ministers.

Judging from the Moda'i camp's initial response, it appears that the party may be in for the unprecedented spectacle of two council sessions within a few days, each attended by members of different factions. The question of the validity of the decisions adopted at the rival sessions is sure to fuel Liberal squabbles.

The council, with over 400 members, is the largest Liberal forum apart from the convention.

The current conflict began last week, when Moda'i announced that the council would meet on January 11 to adopt a series of amendments which would allow him to fill vacancies in party institutions. His opponents – Ministers Moshe Nissim, Avraham Sharir and Gideon Patt and the overwhelming majority of the party's MKs – charged that Moda'i was intending to pack the party institutions with his own supporters and change the balance of forces without elections. For a while it seemed as if the anti-Moda'i forces would boycott Moda'i's council session or challenge its legitimacy in the courts.

Instead, at a session of the party executive which they sponsored yesterday, they turned the tables on Moda'i by agreeing to a council session – but three days earlier. Moda'i can show up if he wishes.

Among the proposals for the earlier council session would be the appointment of a special team to propose candidates for vacant positions in party institutions. This too is clearly calculated to foil Moda'i.

No vents or fire escapes in building where family died

Jerusalem Post Staff

The apartment building in Givatayim where a father and his three children died during a fire on Saturday morning had no smoke vents and no fire escape, the local fire brigade's investigation concluded yesterday.

The building was constructed in the 1960s. On inspection yesterday, other high-rise apartment blocs built at the same time were also found lacking in adequate fire precaution facilities.

The funerals of Yitzhak Aroesti and his children Itai, Idit and Yair, all of whom died of suffocation, is to take place today.

Investigating firemen found yesterday that the fire in the 11-storey apartment building had broken out in an open electrical fuse box into which rain had trickled. The fuse box was in the stairwell.

The building's contractor told Army Radio that all fire hazard regulations current in 1960 had been adhered to. But firemen found that the building, which had not been checked for fire precautions since it was built, had no smoke or air vents, no emergency lighting, and no fire escape. These precautions are mandatory since 1980.

The commander of the Ramat Gan brigade said in the interview that if the building had been safer, firemen could have extinguished the fire systematically. But efforts had to be diverted to calming and rescuing residents trapped in their apartments and threatening in panic to jump out of the windows.

UNIVERSITY. – An open phone line to serve soldiers who intend applying to any of the country's universities for the coming academic year will operate in Jerusalem between 4-7 p.m. today. The numbers are: 02-244344; 02-245686; and 02-245687.

'Big dish TV antennas are illegal'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "dozens" of giant TV dish antennas that have sprouted on rooftops around the country in recent months are illegal, according to the Communications Ministry.

The antennas – installed to receive TV programmes broadcast via satellite from the U.S., Europe and the Soviet Union – are illegal if they are more than 2.44 metres in diameter. The smaller, legal ones, are intended for better local TV reception, rather than being aimed at foreign broadcasts.

The ministry says it will act, in cooperation with the police, to compel the owners to remove the larger dish antennas. But sources in the ministry admit this won't be easy, as shown by the lack of success in stopping cable TV operators from hooking up hundreds of thousands of apartments to their illegal stations.

The dishes not only mar the landscape, says the ministry, but they also create interference with regular TV broadcasts.

In addition, the ministry has received numerous complaints from the European Broadcasting Union and other international bodies that foreign shows are being watched in Israel without fees being paid or permission granted.

Israel is a signatory to international agreements that forbid the reception of foreign TV broadcasts without payment of compensation to the artists who perform.

The smaller dish antennas, up to 2.44 metres in diameter, are permitted only after written approval is granted by the planning authorities, and only if they serve residents of a single building.

Area codes to be changed

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new telephone area code will be introduced in most of the north on January 29, but the 150,000 subscribers involved will only be getting new phone numbers, not cheaper inter-city rates.

Bezek yesteday announced that 06 would replace 063 in Hadera, 065 in Afula, 067 in Tiberias and 069 in Safad. The last digit of the old code will be added at the front of the existing five-digit numbers in each area.

However, even though all subscribers from Hadera to the Golan Heights with the exception of Haifa and West Galilee (04) will belong to the same new area code – 06 – all calls between the old dialling areas will continue to be billed at long-distance rates.

PERETZ

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resignation and that he intended to discuss the matter further with Peretz. Although Shamir has been told by one close adviser that there is a limit to how far the Likud could go in meeting the demands of Shas and the other Orthodox parties, Shamir is known to be trying very hard to solve Peretz's problem before the resignation takes effect, if that is at all possible.

Peretz's proposal to delete the "nationality" category from identity cards entirely, but to retain it in the internal files of the Population Registry, has been criticized by police sources, who find it convenient to distinguish Jews from Arabs, and Arabs from Druze, when checking ID cards.

The Alignment has mixed feeling about the proposal, and some Likud figures dislike it too, on ideological grounds. One Likud MK said that the idea of not referring to a citizen's Jewish identity in the ID card, while listing it in the Populaton Registry files, struck him as "devious," and "lacking in integrity."

According to Meir Azari, director of the Israel Union for Progressive Judaism, merely removing the "nationality" entry from the identity cards would not let Peretz off the hook. Azari claimed last night that a careful reading of the High Court decision regarding Shoshana Miller indicated that she must be registered as a Jew both in her identity card and in the population registry.

The proposal that Peretz be offered a different portfolio after quitting the Interior Ministry, is still on the agenda, and is expected to come up today at a meeting of Shas's spiritual leadership, the Council of Tora Sages. The council is headed by former Sephardi chief rabbi Ovadia Yosef, and is to convene at Yosef's yeshiva in Jerusalem to hear Peretz.

The council is expected to advise Peretz on whether or not to take the Shas faction out of the coalition, in addition to his own resignation.

Kahane questioned on underground support

Knesset Member Meir Kahane was questioned by police yesterday morning on suspicion of fomenting rebellion.

The police were investigating a television interview with Kahane a fortnight ago in which he said that he was in favour of setting up a Jewish underground if the government proved itself unable to guarantee the security of the country's inhabitants.

He had made the statement after the police searched for weapons in yeshivas in the Old City of Jerusalem. (Itim)

Archie Sherman remembered at TAU

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. – A ceremony in memory of Archie Sherman – who was considered the biggest single contributor to Israel – was held yesterday at Tel Aviv University. Among those in attendance were Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, the university's president and rector, and friends of the Sherman family.

Petrol bomb thrown

A petrol bomb was hurled yesterday at an IDF patrol in Jenin, but there were no casualties. Palestinian sources said one person was arrested. Stones were thrown at soldiers in Nablus, but no one was hurt.

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Likud awakens to Peretz affair's unforeseen perils

ANALYSIS
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TEL AVIV. – The Likud was initially unfazed by the threatened resignation from the cabinet of Shas's Yitzhak Peretz. But yesterday it learned that the situation is fraught with unexpected complications.

On the face of it, nothing could be simpler than for both large parties to let Peretz resign from the cabinet. His resignation would upset no delicate balance and the combined forces of the Likud and Labour could once and for all be used in a positive manner to foil small party pressure.

On the face of it, this is precisely what has happened. The Likud let Peretz resign and sources close to Prime Minister Shamir were privately very blunt about it. "Let him go – we cannot pay through the nose forever, and there is a limit to how much we can do in the face of a High Court of Justice ruling."

So much for putting a brave face on it. But political dynamics have put both the Likud and all its other allied religious parties in a very serious bind. The Likud stands to lose its entire orbit of Orthodox allies if it cannot think up a way out of the convert registration problem soon.

True, the Likud is in no immediate danger of losing power on account of Peretz's resignation. And Shas's rival religious parties may well be glad to be rid of a coalition partner which has so capably managed to upstage them and usurp much of their influence.

But the problem is that Peretz is scoring valuable political points by his move, at least for the time being.

Peretz has now become a virtual hero with the religious public for his apparent resolve to stand on principle even at the expense of personally giving up political power. If Shas leaves the coalition as well as the cabinet, Peretz's heroic posture could prove to be of little value in comparison to the influence and funds the party would lose. But for the time being, the National Religious Party and Agudat Yisrael are keenly feeling the effects of Peretz's meteoric popularity in their common electorate. The upshot is that Peretz is setting the tone and the other religious parties cannot afford to appear less determined in their battle against the recognition of Reform conversions.

This is why Shamir yesterday received a threat from the NRP that unless the issue at hand were solved, the NRP would leave the coalition. The signals from the Aguda are even stronger in that direction.

This greatly complicates the situation from the Likud's point of view. A walkout of all religious parties would not bring down the coalition either, but the Likud does not want to be in the bad graces of its traditional allies, allies that it would no doubt need when future government coalitions are set up.

The Likud needs a piece of sleight-of-hand to change Peretz's mind before his resignation goes into effect tomorrow and before he pulls the Likud's other partners out of the coalition.

Immigrants get too much aid, half of Israeli public thinks

Nearly half of the Israeli public believes that government assistance to new immigrants is excessive, according to the results of a survey of 1,200 people from around the country conducted in December by Jewish Agency Youth Aliya division head Uri Gordon.

Gordon stressed that opposition to new immigrant benefits was strongest among Israelis from a lower socio-economic background. In Jerusalem, for instance, 41.1 per cent objected to the assistance, while in Ofakim the figure was 75 per cent.

Asked, "Would you be prepared to buy a government bond to finance Soviet Jewish immigration if and when the gates open from the Soviet Union," some 32 per cent of Haifa residents responded negatively, while the figure in Netivot was 81.8 per cent.

Of the 49.7 per cent who objected to special breaks for immigrants, 54.1 per cent said the money should go to demobilized soldiers and 28.6 per cent said it should go to large families.

Such comments as "Israelis don't get anything, the immigrants just arrive and the government smothers them with money," and "when we arrived in Israel we didn't know how to ask, but today's immigrants only want to receive," were heard in distressed areas.

Gordon said 62.4 per cent of the respondents agreed that "Israelis like aliya – but not immigrants."

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Gaddafi's jets hit Chad town south of 'red line'

Heavy Libyan losses in desert battle

N'DJAMENA (AP). – Four Libyan jets yesterday bombed a small Chadian town south of the "red line" held by French troops since 1983 to prevent Libyan-backed rebels from advancing on the capital of N'djamena, Radio Chad said.

Libya yesterday ordered all demobilized soldiers to rejoin their units at once.

In Paris, the Defence Ministry confirmed the raid on Arada but could add no details. Radio Chad did not say anything about damage or casualties.

The radio described the bombing as the response of "a wounded beast" attacking defenceless civilians following government sucesses against Libyan forces in northern Chad.

Earlier, the Chad army said it wiped out about half the Libyan garrison at the strategic oasis of Fada on Friday and captured six airplanes, 13 tanks and a radar station. It also claimed to have repulsed a Libyan attack in Zouar, in the northwestern Tibesti mountains.

The "Interdiction Line" established by French troops divides Chad along the 16th parallel. Territory north of the parallel is generally rebel – or Libyan-dominated, and that to the south is held by the government.

On the rare occasions when Libyan planes and Chadian rebels have raided south of the line, France has replied with air strikes in the north.

The last such strike was the February 16, 1986 bombing of a major Libyan-built airfield at Ouadi-Doum. The strike came four days after Libya took part in a major incursion below the 16th parallel. The next day, a Libyan plane dropped one bomb from high altitude on N'djamena airport.

A French Defence Ministry spokesman did not rule out a change in France's policy of refusing to intervene in the north but said it was too early to assess the significance of the raids.

In a communique broadcast Saturday night, the Chad army command said 748 Libyan troops were killed and 81 taken prisoner when government troops took Fada on Friday. The army said 18 government troops died and 54 were wounded in the battle for the strategic northeastern town.

A government force which reportedly heavily outnumbered the Libyan garrison attacked the oasis before dawn Friday. The army said Fada was captured after fierce fighting late that afternoon.

The communique claimed that 13 Soviet-built T-55 tanks, six Italian-built Marchetti ground-attack aircraft and a complete radar station were captured from the defeated Libyans.

On Saturday, Chad accused Libyan aircraft of dropping napalm on Fada and the outpost of Zouar in the arid Tibesti mountains in the northwest. An earlier army communique also claimed a Libyan helicopter was shot down at Fada.

The army said it repulsed a Libyan attack at Zouar Saturday, killing 41 Libyans and "mercenaries," members of the Islamic Brigade recruited by Libya from countries across the Sahara.

Zouar is a small but strategic spot on the main desert track north to Libya. Chad says Libya has attacked Zouar four times since December 11.

Libya yesterday ordered all demobilized soldiers to rejoin their units immediately to fortify coastal areas, Libyan radio reported.

An announcement from the Armed Forces General Command broadcast by the radio and monitored in London said all those who failed to obey the order wuld be "legally brought to account and their demobilization cancelled."

Libya announced in October that thousands of Libyans had begun fortifying coastal areas with trenches, barbed wire and mines in an operation that was aimed at "turning this coast, from east to west, to an advanced line of death at any time and moment to respond and deter any aggression attempt."

IN BRIEF

Four fundamentalists killed in Algeria

ALGIERS (Reuter). – Four men on the run for 18 months after attacking a police school near Algiers were killed in a clash with security forces Saturday night, the official APS News Agency reported yesterday. It said Mustapha Bouiali, described by diplomatic sources as leader of a 20-strong group of Islamic fundamentalists, was among the dead.

Soviets offer own 'Awacs' to India

NEW DELHI (AP). – The Soviet Union has offered to sell India an airborne early warning system to counter possible sale of a more sophisticated U.S. plane to Pakistan, the United News of India reported yesterday, citing unidentified defence sources.

The Soviet offer referred to the IL-76, a huge military tactical transport aircraft equipped with sophisticated electronics. The aircraft is used in Eastern Europe and has been codenamed "Mainstay" by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Iraqi planes hit Liberia-flag tanker

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). – Iraqi planes raided the Liberian-flag tanker Matterhorn yesterday, setting it ablaze off Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal at the northern end of the Gulf waters, marine salvage executives reported.

Woman gives birth while stuck in lift

TOKYO (AP). – A 35-year-old woman, stuck in a hospital lift for 40 minutes on her way to the delivery room, gave birth inside while a doctor gave instructions from outside to a nurse who was also in the elevator, a hospital official said yesterday.

The official said the nurse wrapped the baby girl in her white dress and held her while Yoko Fukushima rested on the elevator floor before police and firemen broke open the door about 30 minutes later.

Storm leaves 10% of island homeless

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands (AP). – Cook Islands Prime Minister Sir Tom Davis yesterday described Hurricane Sally as the "worst in living memory" and estimated that about 1,000 people, or one-tenth of the islands' population, had been left homeless by the storms.

The Reverend Allan Hendrickse (left), leader of South Africa's coloured Labour Party, flanked by a friend, leads 100 supporters of different races into the sea at a whites-only beach in Port Elizabeth yesterday. The police did not intervene. (AFP telephoto)

'Coloureds' defy beach apartheid

PORT ELIZABETH. – South Africa's liberal opposition, the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) and the ultra-right Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP), yesterday pledged to defy the government's censorship of news about political conflict.

In separate announcements, the two parties said they would defy the restrictions during their campaign for the general elections for the country's white minority, due to take place in the first half of 1987.

Under the current state of emergency, the government has placed a gag on the transmission of information on political unrest.

Government sources have said there will be no easing of the clamp during the election, predicted to be the toughest the ruling National Party has faced since the early 1950s.

In another development, mixed-race leader and government minister Allan Hendrickse yesterday defied apartheid laws by leading 150 of his supporters in an illegal swim at a whites-only beach here.

Plain clothes police and a group of ultra-rightwingers, who said they would file charges against the leader, watched the bathing but did not intervene.

As the Rev. Hendrickse – already under fire from President P.W. Botha for attacking cabinet policies and from many in his own coloured community for joining the white-led government – took the plunge declaring "This is God's beach," men and women attending his Labour Party Congress here followed him into the water in a high-spirited rush.

Beach apartheid has become a major issue in South Africa over the Christmas holiday. There was serious racial conflict around Durban, where in some areas anyone can swim and in others the water is reserved for blacks, coloureds, Indians or whites.

In Cape Town all beaches are open to all races and there has been little sign of racial friction.

The legal status of beach apartheid in Port Elizabeth has been ambiguous since the white local council, after a long and acrimonious debate, decided to open its beaches to all races.

The decision has yet to be legally ratified by the government-appointed Cape Provincial administrator. (AFP, Reuter)

Kuwaiti daily: Hussein may meet Arafat

KUWAIT (Reuter). – A PLO official hinted in remarks published yesterday that Jordan's King Hussein and PLO leader Yasser Arafat may meet soon to review ties.

In an interview from Amman with the Kuwaiti Daily *Al-Anba*, Abdul al-Rahem Ahmed, a member of the PLO Executive Committee, indicated the talks could be held during the Islamic summit to begin here January 26.

"If this chance is lost, it will be difficult to find another suitable opportunity," he added.

Hussein last February abandoned a year-old joint Middle East peace quest with Arafat, saying the PLO leader lacked credibility.

David Maysles, film maker, 54

NEW YORK (AP). – David Maysles, a film maker who documented the music of the Rolling Stones and the art of Christo, has died at the age of 54.

Maysles died on Saturday night at Roosevelt Hospital after a stroke, said a hospital spokeswoman.

Maysles's best-known films included *Salesman*, 1968, about four door-to-door bible salesmen; *Gimme Shelter*, a 1970 documentary about a Rolling Stones concert and *Running Fence*, 1978, about the artist Christo's 38-km fabric fence in northern California.

His 1974 film *Valley Curtain*, the first of a trilogy of films about Christo's work, was nominated for an Academy Award.

Gunfire unabated at Beirut's Palestinian refugee camps

BEIRUT (Reuter). – Gunfire and explosions echoed from two Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut yesterday and clashes were also reported at the Rashidiyeh settlement in south Lebanon.

Palestinians said Rashidiyeh had come under sporadic sniper, mortar and machinegun fire since a supply convoy reached the besieged camp Saturday and evacuated 80 refugees.

Iranian mediators persuaded Shi'ite Moslem Amal militiamen to let the relief column into the battered shanty town they have ringed since September 30. The Iranians arranged safe passage for a similar convoy on December 13.

Both sided blamed each other for continued fighting in the bitter "camps war," now in it fourth month, which has claimed at least 700 lives.

Moslem militias reopened the main coast road between Beirut and the port of Sidon, 40 Km south, after blocking it or several hours following the deaths of two Druse militiamen in an ambush, police said.

Yasser Zubian, a military commander in the Druse-led Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), and Omar Zubian, were shot dead Saturday night as they drove through the Amal-controlled Ouzai district in southern Beirut.

In Baghdad, Palestinian leaders began a two-day meeting to discuss issues ranging from the bloody "camps war" to recent contacts aimed at achieveing Palestinian unity.

The Executive Committee of the PLO and the presidium of the Palestine National Council are attending the meetings, a PLO spokesman said.

Iran asks probe of chemical weapons

NICOSIA. – Iran yesterday asked the UN to send a fact-finding team to the Gulf war front to confirm its claim that Iraq is using chemical weapons.

Iraq has denied using the internationally outlawed weapons.

The Islamic Republic News Agency said the request was contained in a letter from Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The letter warned that Iran's patience was "running thin, and it would no longer tolerate" Iraq's use of chemical weapons, said the agency.

In Teheran, a doctor said five Iranian soldiers have died in a hospital of injuries caused by chemical attacks.

Reporters were taken today to a giant Revolutionary Guards hospital, where they saw some 20 Iranian soldiers being treated for chemical wounds which officials said were sustained on the southern war fronts over the past 10 days.

Dr. Abbas Keshavar told the reporters that five of more than 400 casualties reaching the hospital had died, while some 230 had been released after treatment. (AP, Reuter)

Reagan due for prostate surgery today

WASHINGTON (Reuter). – President Reagan, smiling and waving to well-wishers, yesterday entered a military hospital for his semi-annual post-cancer checkup and a prostate operation described as common for men his age.

Reagan, at 75 the oldest President in U.S. history, told reporters as he left the White House he felt "fine – great." Accompanied by his wife Nancy, the President arrived by helicopter at the Bethesda Naval Medical Centre a few minutes later.

He is expected to be hospitalized for three to four days and the First Lady planned to remain at his side the first night.

Immediately after Reagan's arrival, a team of doctors from Minesota's world-renowned Mayo clinic were to administer a series of tests to check for any recurrence of the colon cancer he suffered in 1985.

Today the President will receive a local anesthetic for an operation to relieve discomfort caused by an enlarged prostate gland. Specimens from the gland will also be tested for cancer.

Reagan had no plans to temporarily transfer power to vice-President George Bush.

Suez 'secrets' still being revealed

By JENNI FRAZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – British newspapers, in the absence of anything more exciting, have filled their pages in the last few days with the so-called "gripping secrets" of Suez, as "revealed" in the cabinet papers of 1956, which were opened at the Public Records Office on January 1 under the 30-year rule.

Careful perusal of the stories run by the quality papers would not have provided any revelations at all. Even the *Times* was driven to representing as a so-called "exclusive" the confessions of the British diplomat who took part in the secret collusion talks at Sèvres on October 22, 1956. David Lodge had already provided these true confessions to the *Financial Times* two months ago.

Although the death of Harold Macmillan provided a couple more snippets from his biographer (e.g. that the invasion was Macmillan's idea, discussed with Churchill in August 1956, to Eden's apparent fury), perhaps the dominant note of the obsessive newspaper and television coverage has been regret.

Thirty years ago Britain was still a leading player on the world stage. Her victory in World War II was just 11 years old and all the government papers revealed up to 1956 show one thing – that Britain still thought of herself – and was considered by other nations – as a world power. Britain felt free to develop plans for the future of other countries without consulting those countries. In 1955 there was a convoluted plan to invade Israel using Jordanian bases; and also in 1955 Britain spent most of the year hatching the Alpha Plan in coordination with the U.S., a plan to impose peace on Israel and the Arab states with not the slightest intention of letting Israel know what they were doing.

Suez changed all that. The hallmark of the Suez campaign was a lack of control by the British. Something Eden had started rapidly got out of hand. On November 3, 1956, for example, Ralph Murray, the minister at the British Embassy in Cairo, wrote anxiously to Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick at the Foreign Office. A British officer had paid a visit to his liaison mission the previous day and told Murray that the "Israelis were agreements with them."

Or here is a letter from Eden to the French Premier, Guy Mollet, dated November 1: "I am informed that French aircraft were yesterday operating from Israeli airfields with Joint Forces markings; the French cruiser, Georges Leygues, shelled Refah last night in direct support of Israeli operations there; your Naval Staff asked last night for the destroyer Gazelle, which is under the command of Admiral Grantham, to proceed through the Enterprise Channel to assist the Israelis after some Israeli operation in the desert, a request which we were unable to trying to force the pace under a misapprehension as to the scope of meet. Actions of this sort, which cannot possibly remain secret, are extremely embarrassing. I hope you will agree that in our common interest they must be discontinued. *Nothing could do more harm to our role as peacemakers than to be identified in this way with one of the parties.*"

Unfortunately for Eden and his peace of mind, his careful preparations for secrecy collapsed almost on implementation of the Suez plan. The Americans were using the key word "collusion" practically as soon as the invasion began.

Not until the 1982 Falklands War was Britain able to reassert herself as a naval power with autonomy to act on the world stage unhindered by the U.S. Some observers can't wait for the cabinet records of 2012 to be released, to see what will be held back.

LONDON (AP). – Britain was prepared to go to war with Israel in 1956 because of fears that Israel might invade Jordan, a British newspaper quoted secret government documents published last week as saying.

The *Mail on Sunday* quoted the documents as saying British defence chiefs drew up a detailed plan code-named Operation Encounter in late 1955-56 for massive air, sea and land strikes on Israel.

The plan was subsequently endorsed by Prime Minister Anthony Eden but was never put into operation because the situation in the Middle East changed, and Britain ended up fighting on the same side as the Israelis in the 1956 Suez clash with Egypt, the paper said.

In late 1955, the paper noted, Israel had been subjected to attacks by Arab terrorists and had launched a series of retaliatory raids into Jordan. This fuelled the prospects of war between Israel and Jordan, which Britain was bound by treaty to help defend, the paper said.

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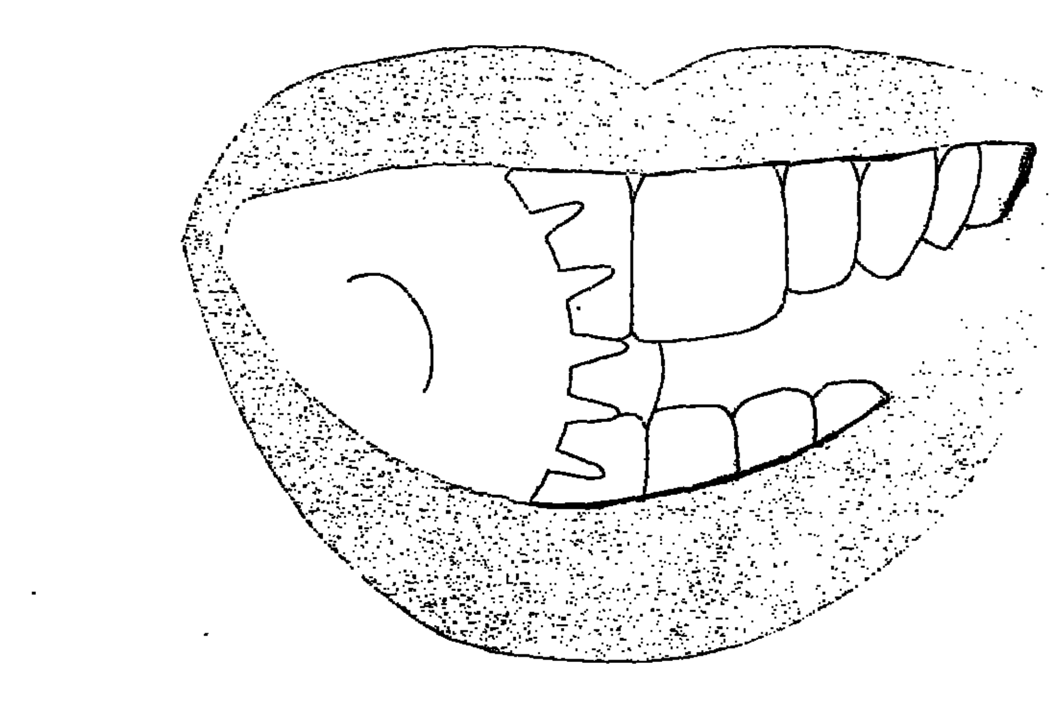

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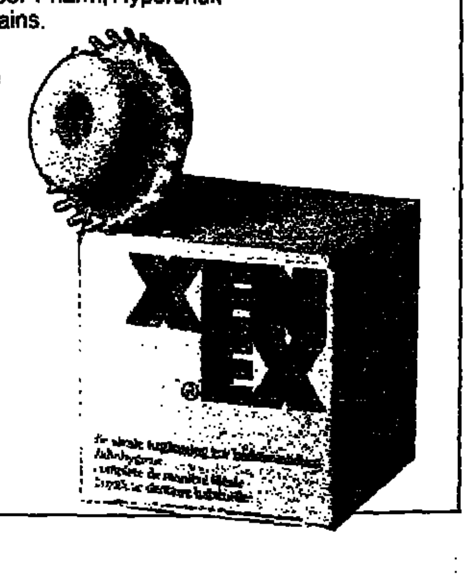

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Cardinal O'Connor taken to Wall's 'most sacred spot'

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Through a winding passageway between wet stone walls, beneath centuries-old masonry, Rabbi Yehuda Getz, the rabbi of the Western Wall, led Cardinal John O'Connor yesterday to what he described as the most sacred spot at the Wall.

Getz, who is known for his midnight study sessions of Jewish mystical lore with select students, told the American prelate that according to his calculations, the small alcove to which he had brought the cardinal was directly opposite the site of the Holy of Holies, and thus the Western Wall's most sacred spot.

The diminutive rabbi, with his white flowing beard and long black coat, told the tall Catholic clergyman in his red robes that few were allowed to visit this spot. O'Connor seemed impressed, but he did wonder aloud why the press had been allowed to accompany him there.

Earlier O'Connor had toured the Temple Mount with Salah Jaralah, a member of the Supreme Moslem Council, who took him through the precincts sacred to Jews as well as Moslems.

The cardinal, who had removed his cross to avoid offending his Moslem and Jewish hosts, was especially impressed with the gold leaf decoration inside the Dome of the Rock.

After viewing the building, he was taken to the mufti of Jerusalem, Sa'ad a-Din al-Alami, who told him that Christians and Moslems are brothers.

"Here we don't say Christian or Moslem, we just say Arab," he told O'Connor.

Al-Alami said that after the Six-Day War, "the soldiers" had taken the key of one of the gates to the Temple Mount and never returned it. "Since then, they do what they want," he continued.

The Moslem cleric also explained his fears of Jewish prayer on the site, saying that after 1967 the Jews had requested permission to visit the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron, known to them as the Cave of Machpela.

Since then, al-Alami said, the Jews had turned it into a Jewish place of prayer. Now, he added, "they try to destroy our mosques.

"Excuse me for troubling you about our situation," he said. "I am an old man, a religious man. I don't want war, I want peace, but you can't have peace by force. Let them be free as they want and let us be free as we want."

Without commenting on al-Alami's words, O'Connor then made his way to the Wall, where he was greeted by Getz and a large force of apparently nervous policemen. Getz told him that the Wall was a "place of prayer for all people."

O'Connor spent several minutes in silence before the Wall, after which Getz took him through the tunnels north of the open area. When asked what his prayer had been, O'Connor said he had asked for "forgiveness."

After touring the area, the cardinal told reporters that the Wall represented to him Jewish suffering. The Jews were still suffering, he said, in the sense that they had to defend themselves.

At the end of his visit O'Connor turned to Getz and said, "Bless me."

"Let us bless each other," Getz told O'Connor.

President Herzog greets Cardinal John O'Connor at Beit Hanassi yesterday. (See story page 1.) (Harari)

A fashionable place for ladies to be seen

Tel Aviv Tel Aviv
Robert Rosenberg

A ladies' café on Sunday morning: sunlight and dark corners, chrome and straw, watercolours and waiters wearing black uniforms with white socks.

At one table, three generations of women: the youngest is in a baby carriage; and her grandmother arranges with a waiter for the baby's bottle to be warmed. The waiter brings the bottle in a porcelain bowl of steaming water.

At the next table three elderly ladies are speaking in French. They exchange their impressions of one of the Israel Philharmonic's 50th anniversary concerts.

At the table behind them, two young women in leather coats – one coat red and the other black – drink coffee. It's easy to fantasize about the topic of their conversation. One is dark, the other blonde. One tall, the other short. Both are attractive and there is a palpable tension hovering in the air above the sugar bowl between them. They both hold cigarettes, careful not to blow the smoke into each other's eyes. They speak in low voices, clipped low tones of competition, not friendship.

At the next table sits a couple. She crosses her legs, his legs are tucked under the seat. When she gets up, he gets up.

Of course, there are a couple of other men there, too. A spokesman for one of the members of the inner ministerial cabinet, with one of the high-ranking secretaries from that ministry. A pair of businessmen who end their conversation with an exchange of business cards while one intones, "Well, the ball's in your court now." It's an expression that began in basketball, found its way to diplomacy and now is entrenched in business.

But it's really a ladies' café, the kind of place where daughters-in-law meet with mothers-in-law, and where sisters gather, siblings or not. The bar has glass shelves and a large mirror. Most of the bottles contain sweet and sticky liquers.

Coffee, tea, omelettes. A delicate menu. It's the kind of place where one can carefully sculpt, with fork and knife, a constantly diminishing grilled cheese sandwich, served on a bed of lettuce with olives and cucumbers and sliced tomatoes on the side. When the cheese has cooled, the waiter is happy to take it back for a quick microwave warm-up.

There are many such places in this city. A businessman says they are useful. "It's important to be seen at such places. It's part of the show: proves you're doing business." It's a ladies' café, but at its edges the well-dressed businessmen rendezvous, briefcases at the ready, suggesting to their next appointment that they wait at another table. "I'll be only a few more minutes."

The ladies pay no attention to these businessmen, unless they recognize them from the concert halls or, in the summer, from the early morning swims at one of the hotel pools.

It's the kind of place where nobody will make an unpleasant scene, no morning drunk will weave past any table. A relatively new place, with the relatively new emphasis on style and design that makes a place relatively fashionable.

VATICAN

(Continued from Page One)

existence of the religious communities, their condition, their future."

The second demand is for a permanent frontier providing "security" and "tranquillity" for Israel and a "homeland" for the Palestinian people.

After a unified Jerusalem was proclaimed Israel's capital in 1980, an initial protest over the "annexation of East Jerusalem" was published by the Vatican's *Osservatore Romano*. It described the move as an "inadmissable, unilateral gesture." And at that time the term "internationalization" was dropped from the Vatican vocabulary.

In a key article that appeared 30 days earlier in the *Osservatore* the Vatican clarified its position that "...the Jerusalem question cannot be reduced to mere 'free access for all to the holy places.' " The article listed six points that continue to be prerequisites for the kind of complete "religious plurality" that would "publicly and juridically...ensure for all three religions a level of parity..."

These points were again quoted by Rev. J. Bryan Hehir in his testimony before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on February 23, 1984 to support the Vatican's position against moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem.

These are the Vatican's demands for Jerualem:

☐ That the overall character of Jerusalem as a "sacred" heritage shared by all three monotheistic religions be guaranteed by appropriate measures;

☐ That religious freedom in all its aspects be safeguarded for them;

☐ That the complex of rights acquired by the various communities over the shrines and centres for spirituality, study and welfare be protected;

☐ That the continuance and development of religious, educational and social activity by each community be ensured;

☐ That this be implemented with equality of treatment for all three religions;

☐ That this be achieved through an "appropriate juridical safeguard" that does not derive from the will of only one of the parties interested.

On April 20, 1984, the pope said, "I am convinced that the failure to find an adequate solution to the question of Jerusalem, and the resigned postponement of the problem, only compromise further the longed-for peaceful and just settlement of the crisis of the whole Middle East."

The pope, in this apostolic letter, defines the area of application of a "special status" to "not only the monuments of the sacred places, but the whole historical Jerusalem and the existnece of religious communities, their situation and future."

The second demand of the Vatican, the creation of "a homeland for the Palestinian people," has been repeated in all documents on the Middle East. It is conceived as being inextricably tied to "the necessity of simultaneously guaranteeing the security of all peoples in the region, including Israel" as the pope said to the corps of international diplomats acredited at the Holy See on January 14, 1984.

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Disabled: Nissim plan may put us on welfare

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – The leaders of organizations for the disabled are keen to know how the proposed economic programme will affect their members, but so far their only source of information is the press, because ministers have ignored all their requests for answers.

At a press conference here yesterday Zippora Brun, chairman of the Umbrella Organization of Organizations for the Disabled, representing some 40,000 people, said taxing disability pensions and eliminating tax exemptions on the earnings of disabled workers may bring many disabled back to the welfare rolls and to institutions.

Someone with 40 per cent or more disability receives a National Insurance disability pension worth NIS 311 a month, she said. If tax is deducted from that, day-to-day living will become even more difficult, and it is little consolation that those with no other source of income will ultimately be entitled to a tax rabate.

"If they're going to compensate us anyway, then why double the work by deducting the tax and then giving us back the money? It took us years to get our rights written into the law; we don't want to go backwards," Orun said. "Actually, we will need more help, not less, if disabled people are going to start having to pay school fees, health fees and higher prices for subsidized goods and services."

Orit Evenstein, director-general of Ilan, (the Israel Association for Handicapped Children) expressed the fear that parents of disabled children may not want to keep their children at home if they receive less benefits and higher expenses.

The umbrella organization has called a mass protest meeting of the disabled for Wednesday evening at Histadrut headquarters. "This is not a Histadrut activity," Brun emphasized. "The Histadrut was just kind enough to let us use their facilities for free."

One of the decisions expected to come out of Wednesday's meeting is to hold a "protest parade" of the disabled in Tel Aviv so that, in Brun's words, "the finance minister can see on whose backs he is building his economic programme."

AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Turnovers sink Bears; Browns do it in 2nd OT

NEW YORK. – The Cleveland Browns and the Washington Redskins moved a step closer to the Superbowl with victories in conference semifinals.

The Redskins shocked the Bears 27-13 to end Chicago's chances of repeating as Superbowl champions and the Browns were forced to go into double overtime to beat the New York Jets 23-20.

The Bears led by six points at the half 13-7. But Washington capitalized on three of four Chicago turnovers and put 20 points on the board in the second half against the premier defence in the league to advance to the National Football Conference championship.

Washington quarterback Jay Schroeder connected with wide receiver Art Monk twice for touchdowns with the Bears blitzing. The Redskins added two Jess Atkinson field goals and another touchdown for their 27 points.

Washington stopped future Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton all day and shut out the Bears in the second half.

In Cleveland Mark Moseley atoned for an erlier 23-yard overtime miss by kicking a 27-yard field goal 2:02 into the second overtime period, giving the Browns a remarkable 23-20 comeback victory over the underdog Jets in the third-longest game in pro football history.

Moseley, the former Washington Redskins kicker signed to replace the injured Matt Bahr with four games left in the regular season, blew his 23-yard attempt with 8:53 to play in the first overtime period, missing to the right.

Cleveland quarterback Bernie Kosar set all-time playoff records for passing yards and attempts, completing 33 of 64 passes for 489 yards. He directed the Browns on a 66-yard, 11-play drive on their third possession of overtime, setting up the winning kick.

Moseley, who holds the NFL record with five regular-season overtime field goals, drilled the 27-yarder into the open end of Cleveland stadium. The kick gave Cleveland their first playoff victory since 1969.

The Browns led the AFC with a 12-4 regular-season record, while the Jets had gone 10-6 after ending the regular season with five straight losses.

Washington play the winner of the game between the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers next Sunday in the NFC championship game. Cleveland meet the winner of the AFC semifinal between the Denver Broncos and the New England Patriots.

The winners of next week's conference championship will clash on Sunday, January 25, in the Superbowl Pasadena, California. (Reuter, AP)

TENNIS

Serves end Hana's drought

BRISBANE (AP). – Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia ended a yearlong drought yesterday by defeating Pam Shrivr of the U.S. 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 in the final of the $100,000 Jason Classic Women's Tennis Tournament.

Top seeded Mandlikova, winless in 1986, took out the first Virginia Slims series title of 1987 in impressive style. The world number four served particularly well, getting out of tight spots twice in the final set. Second-seeded Shriver fought hard throughout the 1 hour 36 minute struggle in hot, humid conditions.

"I made six finals last year and didn't manage to win any of them," said Mandlikova, the 24-year-old former U.S. Open champion. "Its good to get off to a much better start this year,"

Mandlikova's victory stamped her as one of the major contenders for the Australian Open, which begins at Kooyong on January 12. She showed a complete mastery of the fast Brisbane grass court against a taller opponent who is renowned as a serve-and-volleyer.

NBA

Jordan pulls out of 'slump'

CHICAGO (AP). – After failing to reach the 40-point mark in his last two games, Michael Jordan scored 47 points, leading the Chicago Bulls to a 124-119 NBA victory over Detroit Saturday night, snapping the Pistons' four-game winning streak.

Jordan had scored 34 and 31 points in the Bulls' previous two games. Saturday's effort marked the 14th time in the Bulls' last 19 games that he has reached the 40-point plateau, and the 17th time this season. He leads the NBA in scoring with a 37.6 average.

Rookie forward Brad Sellers, making his first NBA start, added 27 points and 12 rebounds for the Bulls. Isiah Thomas led the Pistons with 36 points, followed by Adrian Dantley's 22.

After the lead seesawed early, Chicago scored 12 of the last 14 points of the first quarter for a 37-25 advantage, and the Pistons never caught up.

Elsewhere in the NBA it was the Atlanta Hawks 114, New York Knicks 92; New Jersey Nets 118, Los Angeles Clippers 97; Houston Rockets 138, Seattle Supersonics 114; Dallas Mavericks 106, San Antonio Spurs 99; Milwaukee Bucks 104, Cleveland Cavaliers 95; Portland Trail Blazers 116, Denver Nuggets 108.

CRICKET

India are set for another huge score

CUTTACK, India (AP). – India scored 224 for three wickets at close on the opening day yesterday of the third cricket Test against Sri Lanka here. At stumps Dilip Vengsarkar remained unbeaten with 98.

In Perth, the West Indies trounced Australia by 164 runs in their one day Benson and Hedges challenge cricket clash yesterday

Chasing the West Indies' 255 for eight, Australia were skittled for a paltry 91. It was Australia's third defeat in their three matches in the contest. The West Indies' win helped to atone for successive defeats by Pakistan and England in this series, and gave them third place in the contest. For West Indies, Gordon Greenidge made 100 and Holding 53 n.o. Holding took 3 for 32 and Gary 3 for 9.

Later Australian captain Allan Border criticized both umpires for leaving unpenalized so many short-pitched balls. He said: "If there's no rule, that's fine. But the rule is there and it must be administered strictly."

Arsenal beat Spurs 2-1

LONDON (AP). – Arsenal beat their North London rival Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 yesterday to re-establish a four-point lead over Everton in the English soccer standings.

The 100th league encounter between the two neighbours at Tottenham's White Hart Lane stadium was decided by three first half goals. Watched by 37,723 fans in teeming rain, defender Tony Adams and midfielder Paul Davies scored the visitor's goals, while Tottenham's fullback, Mitchell Thomas, replied for the home side.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.00 Teletext **8.03** Keep Fit **8.15** School Broadcasts **14.00** Teletext **14.03** Keep Fit **14.15** 100 Famous Paintings **14.25** Making Magic **14.50** Surprise Train **15.15** Family Problems **16.00** Five Mile Creek (part 8) **17.00** A New Evening – *live magazine*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Alice in Wonderland
17.55 Youth Concert – Saint Saens: Cello Concerto No.1 (Matt Haimovitz, IPO/Mehta
18.15 Animated film

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Programme Trailer
18.35 Sports
19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at
20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 The Paper Chase. American series starring John Houseman, James Stephens and Diana Douglas
20.50 Beauty Spot – tips on hikes and trips
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.30 Three Up, Two Down – BBC comedy series, starring Angela Thorne, Michael Elphick, Lysette Anthony and Ray Burdis
22.00 This is the Time
22.50 Spenser: For Hire – American suspense series, starring Robert Urich and Avery Brooks
23.35 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons **18.00** French Hour **19.30** News in Hebrew **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** No Place Like Home **21.10** The Consultant **22.00** News in English **22.20** Strangers and Brothers

MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north):
13.30 Another Life **14.00** 700 Club **14.30** Shape-Up **15.00** Afternoon Movie: The Window **16.30** Heathcliff **17.00** Super Book **17.30** Muppets **18.00** Happy Days **18.30** Laverne & Shirley **19.00** *News* **20.00** Magnum P.I. **21.00** Monday Night Football **23.00** 700 Club

RADIO

Voice of Music

6.02 *Morning Melodies*
7.09 Haydn: Symphony No.88 (Bournemouth Sinfonietta/Thomas); Mozart: Concerto for Flute, Harp and Orchestra (Schulz, Zabaleta, Vienna/Bohm); Mendelssohn: *Piano Sextet op.110 (Collegium con Basso)*; Mussorgsky-Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition (London Symphony/Abbado)
9.00 *Mendelssohn: "Fair Melusina Overture"* (London Symphony/Chmura); Schubert: "Death and the Maiden" (Murrary, Tate), Quartet in D minor, "Death and the Maiden" arranged for Strings by Mahler (English Chamber/Tate); Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No.2 (Belkin, London Philharmonic/Barshai); Dvorak: Symphony No.1 (Czech Philharmonic/ Neumann)
12.00 Shoshana Rudiakov, Piano – Haydn: Variations in F minor, Mozart: Fantasy in C minor, Chopin: 3 Mazurkas Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Rachmaninov: Variations on a Theme by Corelli
13.05 Haydn: Sinfonia Concertante (Collegium Aureum); Schubert: Quartet for Flute, Guitar, Viola and Cello; Schumann: "Legends"; Rachmaninov: Suite No.2 for 2 Pianos (Argerich, Freire); Ravel: Suite No.2 from "Daphnis et Chloe" (Minnesota, St. Olaf/Skrowaczewski)
15.00 *Music Appreciation*
16.00 From Our Concert Halls: Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under Zubin Mehta with Yitzhak Perlman, Violin – Beethoven: "Egmont Overture"; Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No.2; Beethoven: Violin Concerto
18.00 Emphasis on the Performance
19.00 Wind Instruments Orchestra – Works by Vaughan Williams, Holst and others
20.05 Musical medley
20.30 From the World's Concert Halls: Frankfurt Radio Orchestra under Alexander de Bary – Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante for 4 Wind Instruments; Shostakovich: Symphony No.10
22.30 *"Then and Again"*
23.00 Beethoven: Sonatas for Violin and Piano

First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Favourite Old Songs
8.05 Intermission
9.05 *Hebrew songs*
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11.10 School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all
12.05 Song and Tune
13.00 *News in English*
13.30 News in French
14.06 Children's programmes
15.53 Notes on a New Book
16.05 A Place in the Middle
17.20 Everyman's University
18.06 Jewish Traditions
18.50 Bible Reading
19.05 *Reflections on the Portion of the Week*
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Every Man has a Star – with astrologist Ilan Pecker

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.53 Green Light – drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning – news magazine
8.05 Making an Issue
9.05 House Call – with Rivka Michaeli
10.05 All Shades of the Network
11.30 Safe Journey
12.10 O.K. on Two
13.00 Midday – news commentary, music
14.06 Humour
15.05 Magic Moments
16.05 Songs and Homework
17.05 *Economics Magazine*
18.06 Free Period – education magazine
18.45 *Today in Sport*
19.05 Today – radio newsreel
19.35 Law and Justice Magazine
20.05 *Cantorial Hit Parade*
22.05 Jazz Corner
23.05 Night Games

Army

6.05 University on the Air
6.30 *Open Your Eyes – songs, information*
7.07 "707" – with Alex Ansky
8.05 Good Morning Israel
9.05 *In the Morning – with Eli Yisraeli*
10.05 Coffee Break
11.05 Right Now – with Rafi Reshef
13.06 Israeli Tunes
15.05 What'Doing – with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.00 Evening Newsreel
18.05 Military Literature Magazine
19.05 Music
20.05 Nostalgia
21.00 Mabat – TV newsreel
21.30 *University on the Air*
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Israeli songs
00.05 Night Birds – songs, chat

Safe Drivers
SAVE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S LIVES

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM

Museums

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Museums

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TEL AVIV
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HAIFA
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RAMAT GAN
Armon: Raw Deal 5, 7:15, 9:40; **Lily:** Hannah and Her Sisters 7:15, 9:30; **Oasis:** *The Mission 7, 9:40;* **Ordea:** Murphy's Law 7:15, 9:30; **Rav-Gan 1:** Ruthless People 5, 7:35, 9:45; **Rav-Gan 2:** A Man and a Woman 20 Years Later 7:10, 9:40; Blackbeard Ghost 5; **Rav-Gan 3:** *Blue Velvet* 5, 7:15, 9:40; Bilbi 10:30 a.m., 12:30; **Rav Gan 4:** Joshua Then and Now 7:20, 9:40; Sword in the Stone 10:30 a.m., 12:30.

HERZLIYA
Dan Accadia: The Color Purple 6:30, 9:30; **Daniel Hotel:** A Room With a View 7, 9:30 (exc. Wed.); **David:** Mona Lisa 7:15, 9:30; Care Bears 4:30; **Hechal:** Legal Eagles 7:15, 9:30; Rumpelstiltskin 4:30; **New Tiferet:** Ricochets 7:15, 9:15.

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Ration your rabbit's carrots

A NUMBER of readers have recently asked for advice on keeping rabbits and guinea pigs; from their questions, it seems that they have already received conflicting information from various sources. One of the biggest areas of confusion concerns the feeding of pet rabbits. One book says feed them mainly on vegetables, another advises only pelleted rabbit food, one source says give them water to drink, another says not to, and so forth.

Furs, fins and feathers

by D'vora Ben Shaul

I have got best results from feeding rabbits on a diet based on pelleted food, good quality hay – such as clover or alfalfa – and a fresh vegetable intake, constituting no more than 10 *per cent of their diet*. Rabbits on a diet high in fresh greens and domestic *vegetables* are far more prone to coccidiosis, a debilitating intestinal parasite.

The main deterrent to keeping rabbits and guinea pigs together *in* the same cage, unless it is a large earth-floored pen, is that guinea pigs need far more vegetables than rabbits, including a daily source of vitamin C. In this they *are one of the* few groups of mammals, other than primates, that requires vitamin C in daily amounts.

The other reason *against the* two species cohabiting is that guinea pigs do best on a floor *made of* sawdust, wood shavings or chopped straw, kept clean and *changed* frequently, while rabbits do best on a wire mesh floor that allows excrement and urine to drain out immediately. If kept on straw *or wood shavings*, the rabbits are not only somewhat smelly due to their *very concentrated* urine but, due to excess moisture, they are also prone to develop *fungus* infections of the paws and the face. These infections are rarely fatal and, except for inherent disfiguration, do not even seem to bother the rabbits. One reader says her rabbits developed "pinocchio noses" after such an infection.

I feed both guinea pigs and rabbits bread, always dry bread as fresh bread can cause serious and sometimes fatal digestive troubles. Of course, I try to make sure that the bread *is whole wheat and not white*.

Water is essential for guinea pigs and *rabbits fed on pelleted food*. It is true that those that almost exclusively eat vegetables *can manage with* little or no water but those fed hay – and guinea pigs also love a good chompy bunch of hay now and then – should have fresh water available at all times.

Another important food additive for rabbits that is often overlooked, even by some pelleted food manufacturers, is salt. Make sure that the pellets you are using contain salt. Otherwise, it should be provided in another form. The best form I know are *rock salt chunks* from the Dead Sea region which rabbits love to lick.

At one period when I had a lot of rabbits, I made salt cakes for them.

Salt cakes are easy to make. Just take the lid off an ordinary jam jar – *metal, not plastic which they may* gnaw – fill it with fine salt, dampen it slightly, *place a weight such as a glass* or other container filled with stones or gravel on top and *set it in the sun* to dry. When dry, it can be placed in the rabbit hutch where it will be enjoyed and also contribute to the rabbits' general well-being.

Both rabbits and guinea pigs can live comfortably out of doors if their cages are well-ventilated *but* protected from wind and rain. They *must* have a wooden box, preferably double-walled, to shelter in. The box *must not be too large, just large* enough to lie stretched out in, or the rabbits cannot keep the interior warm with their body heat.

When a rabbit becomes pregnant the buck should be removed. I prefer to keep them separate all the time, introducing the doe into the buck's cage every second day until she has been bred. This usually happens within minutes of her arrival in the cage.

The doe can suckle her young in her box, but must have enough outside space to leave them in the nest. They should be disturbed as little as possible until three weeks of age *when they will* start to venture out of the nest. You will know when the *doe is ready to give birth when you* see her pulling fur from her abdo*men and chest and lining her nest* with it. In winter, I usually give the doe a big wad of cotton wool which she also incorporates in the nest. Not only does this fur removal provide warm nests for the hairless new-born bunnies, but it also exposes the doe's nipples so that the young can suckle more easily.

Guinea pigs do not usually need to be separated; since their gestation is far longer, the young *are* quite developed at birth, immediately run *about the cage and, though they* need to be with their mother who nurses them for a month or more, they will even start to nibble vegetables after a couple of days.

Both rabbits and guinea pigs can become very tame and make wonderful pets. Nonetheless, be careful of rabbit bucks as they can sometimes be quite nasty and seem to forget that they are rabbits. I even had one called "Brown Rambler" who used to attack the dog who was, admittedly, a bit smaller than the rabbit.

RANDOMALIA

Miriam Arad

It's all in the way you walk down the road

INDULGING in my favourite sport of people-watching the other day, it struck me that hardly two individuals walk alike. Whereupon I sat me down like a responsible columnist and engaged on a bit of amateur body-language study.

It is amazing, isn't it, that such a simple act as putting one foot before *the other* can be performed in so many different ways – beginning *with* the feet themselves, which may toe in or out at any angle. There is no less variety in the way people move their arms – far away from their bodies or near, straight or bent, swinging high or low. Some people walk with an up-and-down bob, some with a waggle. Some walk *briskly and some jauntily*; some plod, some strut, some swagger.

Far more interesting than these mere physical data is the way a person's walk expresses his nature, temperament, or mood.

There is, to start with, the please-don't-mind-me walk of the meek and timid, who seem literally afraid to put their feet down. They walk with *bent* head, shoulders *turned inward* and arms barely moving, as though they would not make so bold as to disturb the air. At the other end of the spectrum you get the officious walk: neck stuck out, head turning, busybody eyes roving: is there something or someone here I can disapprove of?

Some people walk the way others eat: completely oblivious of what they are doing. The mechanical eater moves hand to mouth, chews and swallows by force of habit, and if you ask him in half an hour what he's eaten, he'll have a hard time trying to remember. The mechanical walker stares blindly in front of him, moves his arms and legs left-right, left-right, and only comes to when he arrives at his destination.

The fellow who is interested *in* his surroundings, on the other hand, can *be either of two types*: the watcher, and the watch-me walker. The latter *moves* with his head up and his shoulders back, the lord of creation: look at me, world, here I come. The former, his frame relaxed, arms swinging freely, takes this opportunity that he's out and about to notice that they're putting up a new building behind the park, that the first Judas trees are in bloom, and that the girl in front has pretty legs.

Some people walk stiffly, and some walk fussily: they make a great *business of holding themselves* just so, putting their feet down just there, *keeping* their *handbags* or briefcases with one precisely crooked arm, *its elbow held close* by their side. Unlike the any-which-way walker, they never *bump into* people.

*The purposeful, I'm-going-*somewhere walk – large or rapid *strides, body straining slightly for*ward – is in sharp contrast both to the *mere saunter and to the doubtful* walk. The doubtful walker may be *unsure of himself*, uncertain of what's awaiting him at his journey's end, *or may only* be an out-of-towner searching for an address. Whatever the case, he looks like a walking question mark: he moves gingerly, head turning this way and that, eyes lifted up unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? The answer is likely to be: from the officious.

MUSIC REVIEWS

A new opus

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA – Zubin Mehta conducting with Florence Quivar, mezzo-soprano (Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, January 3). Josef Tal: Symphony No.4 (world premiere); Mahler: "Kindertotenlieder"; Rimsky-Korsakov: "Sheherazade."

IN HIS new symphony, Tal creates the impression of releasing a long sequence of oratorical statements which all combine into a symphony in the true sense of the word, – a combination of sounds. Short, stinging brass motifs appear from all around while pinned against huge *figurative clusters. Bustling excite*ment is everywhere.

This opening section is followed by a contrasting, slow, lyrical, often recitative-like section, mainly in the strings, which eloquently informs us of the composer's state of mind and feelings. This again is followed by another section, the last and also longest which rekindles the excitement and creates a strong rhythmical feeling. The pacing basses almost develop into a march.

Syncopation and counter-rhythms make the music almost dance. Motifs reduced to single notes, come from all corners of the stage which gradually, in combination with noise-producing, figurative clusters, bring *the* symphony to short, closing big bang.

Tal's score flows with myriads of notes which seem to symbolize his *great excitement*. This should not, however, create the impression that *the* symphony is an overstatement, disorganized or uncontrolled. To the contrary, for Tal never loses his natural sense of form.

Actually the form is created by itself out of all the information, the acoustical stimulants and oratorical statements which are in a continuous process of becoming. Emotion and structural sense go hand in hand in creating form. With this fourth symphony, Tal seems to have added an important and convincing opus to his already impressive *oeuvre*.

Of the rest of the programme there is little to say. *Mahler's "Kin*dertotenlieder" (Songs on the Death of Children) disappointed. Florence Quivar tried hard to create significance but expression, mood and feeling in these songs should be achieved by much simpler means. Rimsky-Korsakov's "*Sheherazade*" was so much out of place in *this programme of Tal and Mahler* that it is almost impossible to assess *its performance*.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA – conductor: Frieder Bernius; Nancy Argenta, soprano; Jean Nirouet, counter-tenor; Michael Chance, countertenor. Christoph Prégardien, tenor; Friedemann Kunder, bass; The Stuttgart Chamber Choir. (*Liturgica, Jerusalem. Sherover Theatre. January 3.*) Handel: "Belshazzar," oratorio.

HANDEL WAS the great extrovert of the late baroque, one of the earliest entrepreneurs of the concert hall who, being beholden to neither church nor nobility, based his success on popular acclaim and measured it by keeping a sharp eye on the box office. His great invention, the English oratorio, was based on the necessity to fill the hall with an *audience grown weary of Italian* opera. Wily old Handel would have *been disappointed tonight, but only* with the box office receipts.

He would have found much to praise and little to fault. Nancy Argenta sang a majestic Nitocris, setting the right tone in her opening number and maintaining it throughout. If there really is a special oratorio sound she proved it tonight: clear, ringing sound, fine diction, excellent control and a convincing air of upbraided royalty which never lost its tragic dignity. Her third act duet with Michael Chance as Cyrus was for one listener the highlight of the evening, creating a sense of serenity which flowed through to the closing chords. The other soloists were equally good; special mention of *Christoph Prégardien's superb Bel*shazzar should not be taken as a *diminution of the others' efforts*.

As the English oratorio was Handel's invention, so the Stuttgart Chamber Choir is the product of conductor Bernius, and one did not need to read the programme to know that they are all professionals. Bernius has created an excellent ensemble – indeed he seems a born choral conductor: even when holding the baton he often ignores it and lets it drag after a free-flowing right hand. His left hand is rather less independent than the orchestra might have liked, but they were with him all the way, even to a slight disregard of some of his more excessive gestures. *Credit to Emanuel Gruber and the* unidentified harpsichordist for a fine rendition *of the continuo part*. Bravo to all.

All concert programmes ought to have a note like the ICO's, reminding the audience to turn off the automatic hourly alarms on their digital watches. But until they do, or if they don't, try to remember to do it yourself. The rest of us thank you.

DANIEL ZIFF

JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – Sergiu Comissiona conducting with Lily Tuneh, soprano; Dmitri Nabokov, baritone; the Scottish National Orchestra Chorus directed by Roger Bevan Williams. (*Liturgica, Jerusalem. Henry Crown Hall. January 1.*) Faure: Requiem; Stravinsky: Symphony of Psalms.

FOR ALL their innumerable differences – the time span between 1886 and 1930 tells much of the tale – the Fauré Requiem and Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms* share a basic esthetic proposition: they approach the sacred subject with marked humility, shunning both theatrical effect and emotional indulgence. Indeed, each composer was far more stylistically outspoken in the pieces written around the sacred works: Fauré by way of sensuality, Stravinsky *in the brusque angularity of his* "neo-classicism." And yet, in the Requiem *and Symphony of Psalms* the relative economy of means brings about an optimal expressive effect.

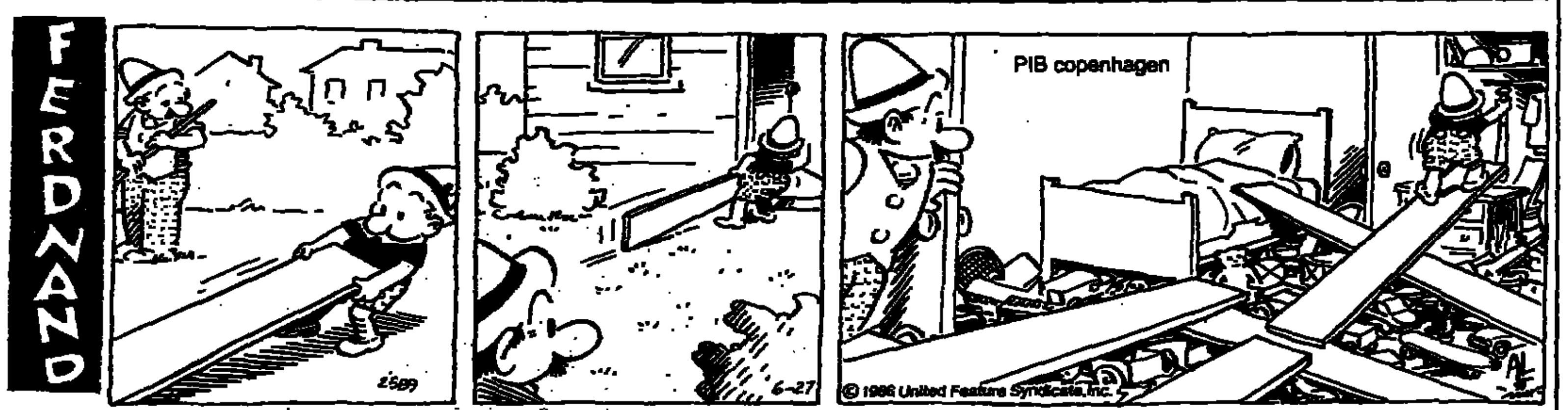
Sergiu Comissiona, who can be as rousing a maestro as any on the podium, adjusted magnificently to this spirit, leading the huge forces with quiet assurance and bringing up the poetic images to glorious realization. The luminous *Sanctus* in the Requiem proved as moving in its tender glow as was the majestic surge *at the end of the first movement of the Symphony*. The quiet *Alleluia at the conclusion of the* Stravinsky – all the more striking for *being unexpected – made its point to* the full. What made for so powerful *an interpretive effect was the con*ductor's nigh perfect blending of the myriad of details into the overall architectural design.

In this endeavour, Comissiona had spectacular collaborators in the members of the Scottish National Orchestra Chorus. In every aspect of choral singing – overall ensemble, dynamic and rhythmic flexibility, expressivity, enunciation – their performance could not conceivably have been improved upon.

The powerful, virile baritone of Dmitri Nabokov stood him in good stead in the Requiem. But the crystaline purity demanded of the soprano *in the Pie Jesu movement of the* Requiem, on the other hand, did not *find in Lily Tuneh* the ideal exponent; her intense voice being better suited for dramatic parts. The Jerusalem Symphony provided a reliable base to the proceedings.

The measure of the evening's success (as well as of the audience's sophistication) can be gained from the fact that the first movement of *Symphony of Psalms* was repeated as an encore.

ELI KAREV



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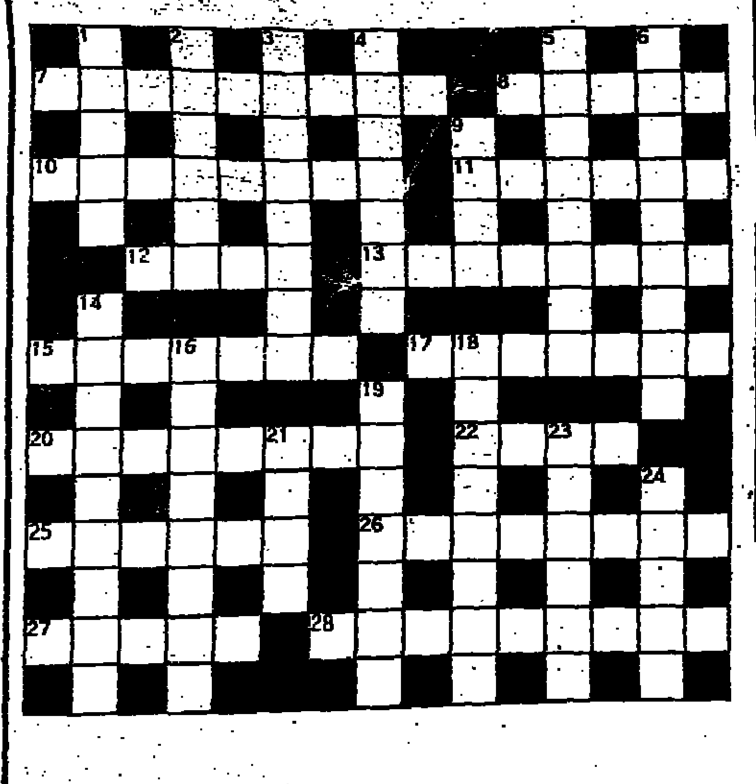
ACROSS

7 Would it make a judge of note pass severe sentence? (5,6)
8 *Stop or pass on* (5)
10 Horse guide certain to extend contingency cover (8)
11 Piously lecture a pair individually (6)
12 Inhabitant from lesser Belgrade (4)
13 *Suddenly appeared crinkled at* the edges (6,2)
15 Beef for *the champion* team (7)
17 Press it madly (7)
20 Naval state proposed by those who would harness tidal energy (3,5)
22 Ribbon around the window (4)
25 *Cartel produced wine* (6)
26 It deserves another performance at the circus (4,4)
27 Announce that guests can now get drunk as a lord (5)
28 Carrying weapons — in shoulder holsters apparently (5,4)

DOWN

1 One who marries mother (5)
2 Nectar mixture producing a dreamy state (6)
3 Being dropped is harsher than *just being given the brush-off* (8)
4 They take orders from 17 (7)
5 Futile advice to the over-optimistic (8)
6 Crowd about on track (9)
9 A goad to mountaineers? (4)
14 Admit it is no invitation to the great unwashed (4,5)
16 Uppish abbot maybe (8)
18 The rest finished? Then move *aside* (4,4)
19 Army officer as well as could be expected in outlaw territory (7)
21 Does Maggie wish they would dry up? (4)
23 Persian viceroy from Sparta (6)
24 It flows from East Somerset *into Dorset* (5)



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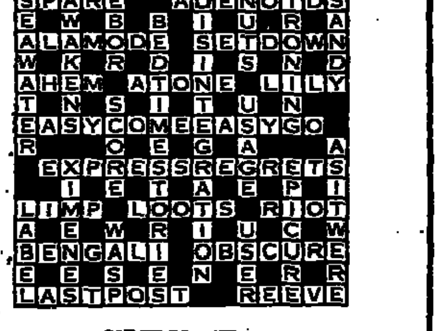

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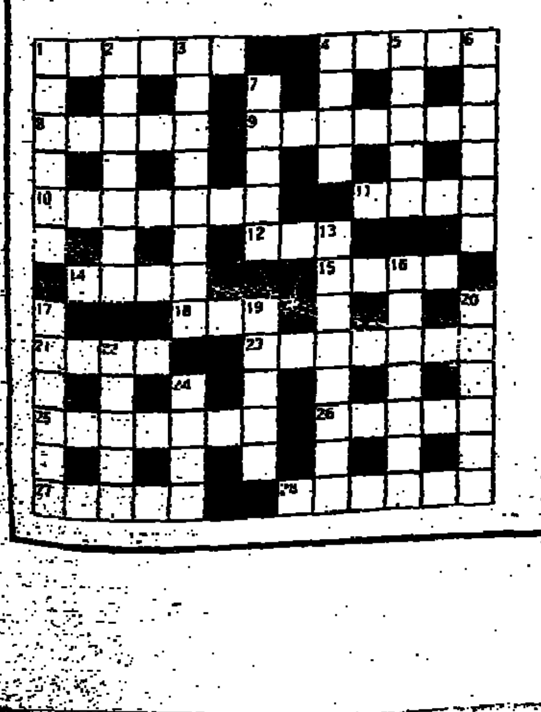
Across: 1, Wanderer; 7, Round; 8, Adventure; 9, Ill; 10, Yell; 11, *Stored*; 13, *Coyote*; 14, *Ravage*; 17, Speech; 18, Arid; 20, Mat; 22, Chronicle; 23, Larch; 24, Asbestos.

Down: 1, Weary; 2, Novelty; 3, Erne; 4, Equity; 5, Lurid; 6, Adulate; 7, Retreat; 12, Stretch; 13, Crumble; 15, Apricot; 16, Scares; 17, Start; 19, Dress; 21, Once.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Head harness
4 Sugary
8 Hooked claw
9 Coal miner
10 Secrete milk
11 Hades
12 Network
14 Breeding farm
15 Stunts
18 Small French coin
21 Expression of regret
23 Bingo
25 Welcome guests
26 American stock farm
27 Narrow part of trunk
28 Tired

DOWN

1 Glass flask
2 Illegal
3 Neck cords
4 Senior barrister
5 Select class
6 Large marine reptile
7 Fasten
13 Royal castle
16 Beat thoroughly
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19 Speak
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Petroleum companies say energy sector is best left alone, but ministry is pressing ahead

Imminent reform fuels controversy in oil industry

By SIMON LOUISSON
For The Jerusalem Post

Petroleum; At the refinery and at the pump. (Starphoto)

TEL AVIV. – Reform or regression, depending on your viewpoint, but things are going to change in the oil industry this month.

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal is determined to introduce a nine-point package that he claims will break down the cartel running the industry and reintroduce competition and market forces, elements which are most noticeable by their absence at the moment.

Not surprisingly the minister has encountered stern resistance from the three oil companies, and from his own advisers as well, the Fuel Authority, which believes that the emphasis should remain on continuity of supply rather than on cost.

However, the Fuel Authority has lost sway with the minister and Ilan Moaz, director of policy and planning at the ministry, has the ear of the minister, and is the driving force behind the policy changes.

Moaz says the proposed reforms are part of the overall economic reforms the government is trying to introduce. Competition and privatization are all part of the rhetoric of the government's plan to reduce costs and increase efficiency.

Moaz says it is part of a more fundamental change in Israeli society.

"We are moving from a cooperative, socialist society to a more material, pecuniary one and the economic systems must reflect this," he says. This is the rationale behind the government's proposed changes, not just of the oil industry, but for wheat marketing, meat importing and a host of other activities.

"The rules of the game have changed," says Moaz.

The climate for change is not only right within Israel; international circumstances make it particularly favourable for change. World oil prices are historically weak, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has been in disarray. Despite last month's Opec agreement, which went into effect last week, Moaz is predicting this situation will continue for at least another five years. The government has been waiting two or three years to undertake an industry overhaul, and now it believes the time is right. Austria, Spain, Morocco and New Zealand are just some of the other countries which have come to a similar conclusion that now is the time to act.

> "We must be very careful," says one industry executive. "Oil is like blood for Israel, we import 100 per cent of our needs."

The oil industry's attack on the reforms is two-pronged: First, it believes that Israel's special geopolitical circumstances make the kind of reform which is possible in other countries into a political, economic and security risk for this country. Second, it contends that the reforms as proposed will result in greater government interference in the industry and higher costs for the consumer.

Israel's small size requires that it concentrate the procurement of crude. It needs long-term contracts for security reasons. Because of embargoes, it needs to use its own tankers and maintain a strategic reserve. Finally, the oil companies contend, it is economically viable to have only one refinery.

"These factors will not be changed in the foreseeable future," says Arie Levi, general manager of Paz Oil Co. Only a peace settlement or a major oil strike can change things and neither of these two factors appears likely in the near future.

Another of the three sisters' bosses, Delek Ltd. Managing Director Avraham Agmon, believes the reform is based on the misguided assumption that oil prices will continue to be weak.

"The reforms are based on the assumption it's a buyers' market. But Opec showed us less than two weeks ago that they still have power," he says. "We must be very careful. Oil is like blood for Israel, we still import 100 per cent of our energy needs."

There are eight essential elements of the controversial reforms:

- The "Gilboa agreement" will be cancelled. This is a formal market-sharing accord under which the three companies divided the market 45, 30 and 25 per cent among Paz, Delek and Sonol Ltd., respectively.
- Prices from the refinery gate to the pump will be deregulated, but a ceiling based on European prices will be set.
- Oil companies will be allowed to compete to purchase the 25 per cent of Israel's crude requirements which are bought on the spot market. (The other 75 per cent will continue to be secured through long-term contracts with Mexico, Egypt and Norway.)
- The state-owned Haifa Oil Refineries Ltd. will be allowed to compete directly with the oil companies to market oil to the big customers such as the Electric Corp., the army, chemical companies, and transport firms.
- The distribution and storage of oil products will be placed under the control of one government body.
- The state will take over the strategic reserve, currently managed by the oil companies.
- Oil companies will be required to hold an operating inventory, and
- Oil companies will be given the opportunity to purchase a share of Oil Refineries Ltd.

Moaz freely admits that the reform is not paving the way for open competition, nor as far-reaching as he would like. He accepts that by allowing the oil companies to buy into the refinery an even bigger monopoly may be created. But he says there are advantages in "vertical integration" and that anything is better than the present situation where the oil companies blame the refinery for inefficiencies and vice versa.

"At present the whole system is very stable and in a happy equilibrium because it is based on cost-plus, with more than 20 agreements between the government and the oil companies.

"We cover every cent of their expenditure. This gives no incentive to firms to make the extra effort to improve their efficiency and to take reasonable business risks," says Moaz.

The three sisters say that far from reducing government involvement and freeing up the market, the reforms mean the government will take over the distribution infrastructure plus the strategic reserve, thereby creating a further layer of bureaucracy.

"This is not deregulation. It's dangerous slogan-making. Deregulation is a bit like pregnancy – you can't be half pregnant," says Levi.

Levi complains that opening up only 24 per cent of the market leaves them in a half-way-house where they will lose out to the state-owned refinery which will have protected advantages.

However, Moaz says that Shahal originally proposed total deregulation and only agreed to take a more cautious approach following the howls of protest from the industry. When the minister then offered to open only 10 per cent of the market, industry said it was too little, so 25 per cent was decided upon.

"We are ready to open the market as much as they like. If they agreed to total reform we would do it today. The minister is not constrained, they are the constraint," says Moaz.

Both Levi and Agmon say the government's proposal to sell off the refinery is not serious. They say they have heard no more than media pronouncements and until the government opens the books to them they will view it as no more than political posturing. However, Moaz says the government is willing to even sell out its controlling interest and the oil companies are merely waiting for the government to make the first move. They will have eight months to decide and then the government will offer the refinery to allcomers.

On the question of the government taking over the strategic reserve, Moaz says this is currently operating as a cost-plus operation and government is simply cutting out the middleman. He says the oil companies or their owners, the three major banks and Hevrat Ha'ovdim, used the reserve as an asset from which they obtained cheaper credit but from which the consumer did not benefit.

The government expects to save "a few million" from the move. The industry hotly denies the government's accusation. Moaz says the ministry is investigating this aspect of the reform further and will decide on it next month.

Moaz justifies the takeover of the distribution infrastructure by government on the grounds that this is a "natural monopoly" in view of Israel's small market, and this move will enable all marketing companies to receive the same service at a "fair" price.

Moaz rejects oil industry claims that this should have been privatized, on the grounds that if, at a later date, the market is opened up to new players, then a company with a monopoly was likely to restrict the activities of new entrants.

Will the consumer benefit from the reforms in price terms? Even Moaz acknowledges that this is unlikely. However, he prefaces this by saying that since the economic stabilization was put in place prices and profit margins have been artificially held. If the reforms are not enacted then the price will rise much more.

"At the moment the price in real terms has gone down. I will be very happy if in the long run the price is about the same as today's," he says.

The oil companies say the price will be higher because of the reforms. If they lose their large customers such as the Electric Corp. they will lose the cost advantages of bulk marketing and the small consumer will end up paying more.

Secondly, they say that the opening up of 25 per cent to free competition is only a technical change.

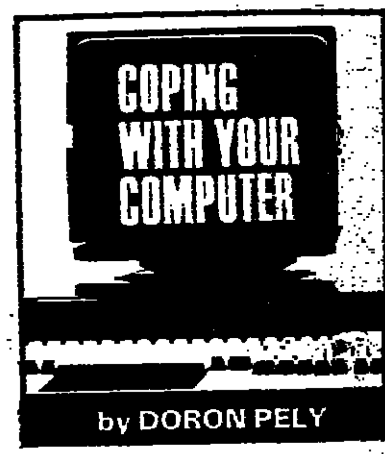
"So far the government will define buying sources, quantities, refinement fees, storage fees, distribution costs and so on. There is a very limited spectrum where there is freedom of action," says Levi.

Levi claims there is already serious competition on the marketing side but it is in terms of credit, not price. He admits that this does not extend to the petrol supplied for motorists but says that this only makes up 20 per cent of the market. Others prefer the credit benefit for accounting purposes.

Agmon says the risks in these reforms are far greater for Israel than for other countries. He claims that in terms of price and especially in reliability of supply, the industry has performed.

"Everyone wants reform – it's like motherhood, no one is against it. As a concept we agree government should be less involved in industry and we are ready to discuss any offer of how to take government out of the oil business, but there is a difference between the government's rhetoric and reality," says Agmon.

Of mice and machine



by DORON PELY

PLAYING AND WORKING with a home computer can be great fun, but it can also become an ego wrecker and a source of endless frustration. The trouble begins, usually, when you want the computer to perform a certain task, but you fail to give it the correct command. No amount of friendly cajoling will do, and the user manual is thick and virtually unreadable. You don't want to sift through pages of instructions; you want the right command to be displayed right there on the screen, for you to point at and activate. That's where a "mouse" can come to the rescue.

A mouse is an electro-mechanical instrument that, in conjunction with special programs, can provide a user-friendly substitute to the conventional computer keyboard. When you slide the mouse across the desk, a pointer moves correspondingly on the computer screen pointing at symbols (called "icons") or written commands. You select the desired item or command by simply pointing at it. Press a button and – presto – the computer executes.

Most mice look the same on the outside – a cigarette box-size container with two push-button controls on the top surface and a "tail" of an electrical cord that hooks up to the keyboard or the computer itself. But internally, there are several types of mice: mechanical and optical. Mechanical mice, the more popular variety, use large protruding balls that roll on the table when the mouse is moved. Small wheels inside the mouse transfer the motion of the ball to sensors that determine the position of the pointer on the computer's screen. If you use a mechanical mouse on a very smooth surface, the ball might skid instead of roll and the instrument malfunction. A special rubber pad solves this problem, but it confines you freedom of movement with the mouse to the rubbery surface. The best solution is a mouse with a rubber-coated ball, available today for most makes.

Simple optical mice employ no moving parts, but require a special line-coded pad from which the mouse reads its operating instructions. The more sophisticated optical mice need no pad but cost a lot more than their mechanical counterparts.

Surprisingly enough, IBM's personal computers, the most popular in the market, were not designed with a mouse in mind. Frustrated owners had to wait years for somebody to do something, while other home computers displayed the user-friendliness of mouse controls and special mouse-oriented programmes to draw new converts away from IBM.

Today, however, IBM and compatibles owners can attach a mouse to their machine and use it to operate several programs. There are few application programs designed to use with a mouse, among them CAD (computer-aided design) and project management programs. Other programs available to the non-professional user are Gem from Digital Research and Word from Microsoft.

Several computers sold in Israel are factory-equipped with a mouse. The most well known, Apple's Macintosh, is the first home computer designed to operate every program with a mouse. Other computers such as Amstrad and Atari utilize mice and are equipped with programs designed to use it.

It is reasonable to assume that a mouse of some sort will gradually become the conventional tool for human-machine interaction, replacing the keyboard. It provides a working environment that is more user-friendly and promotes computer use among people who would not risk a struggle with a cryptic keyboard. An encounter with a computer mouse is bound to be more pleasant than a meeting with the real thing.

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MARKET PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

666 days to go

Another milestone in the countdown to the Great Bankshares redemption was passed on Saturday, when the 666 mark fell. Now there are only 664 days left until the government coughs up $3.8 billion on October 30, 1988.

The "event", such as it was, was marked by sharp falls in the quoted prices of bank shares covered by the "arrangement", and by the financial community continuing its pathetic titillating over how much money Ernst Japhet succeeded in wheedling out of his erstwhile underlings and gophers at Bank Leumi.

Back in the Treasury, Capital Markets Commissioner Yehuda Drori reviewed for this reporter the state of play in the bank shares merry-go-round. There was good news and bad news in his assessment.

The good news is that, as he has said several times in recent months, Drori sees no fundamental problem in the government redeeming the bank shares and making good its obligation to the shareholders as originally promised in 1983. The $1.7b. or so that might come up for redemption this October will be recycled in the course of regular government debt-recycling activity.

The big dollop, of $3.8b. in October 1988, is also manageable, he is convinced.

First, he breaks down this mammoth figure into its components: Almost one billion-worth are held by the banks themselves in "nostro" accounts. This will be recycled into longer-term government obligations with a staggered redemption, he assumes (remember, nothing has been finally determined yet). The banks will not be given all the money in cash in one shot, nor do they need it. They are in no position to dictate to the government what to do, anyway.

Then there is another billion or so held by institutional investors, such as provident, pension and mutual funds. These will almost certainly roll over their holdings in bank shares into other government, or non-government investments, since *they have no desire to "go liquid"*.

Next come corporate investors in the private sector. For them, their bank share holdings represent part of their financial reserves. While some may spend part of them on capital equipment or other investments, most will prefer to reinvest.

That leaves private investors. Here, according to available statistics, the breakdown of holdings shows a large concentration in relatively few, and presumably wealthy hands. This is in contradistinction to the breakdown of the shares available for redemption in 1987, which are widely diffused among many quite small holders. The latter dispersal tends to encourage spending, while the former suggests that most of the investors will seek alternative financial vehicles to reinvest in.

But now comes the bad news. Drori is profoundly pessimistic that the "establishment", especially the government, will come to grips with the underlying question, namely that of the future of the banks themselves. The government, he assumes will take the shares and, as it has already arranged, hold them for five years in a nominees company, so that it is not the formal owner of the four biggest banks. What then?

The system is not built to tackle the problem of what will happen to the banks, until the issue becomes urgent. He says this despite the fact that he is himself a member of a Treasury team headed by the Director-General Emmanuel Sharon that is working on the problem, along with a similar team at the Bank of Israel. All these senior officials are aware of the delicate issues of nationalization, the banks' profitability or lack of it, and the fact that the government will end up with shares but have no control of the banks, because entities like the Jewish Agency, Hevrat Ha'ovdim and the Recanati family will own the majority of voting shares.

They also know, however, that the politicians are loth to face up to the implications of these issues and would much rather adopt a delaying stratagem to push the nasty business off for some years. The fact that 1988 is scheduled to be election year, and that the Histadrut has no desire to lose control of Bank Hapoalim, makes it that much more certain that nothing will be done this side of redemption day.

Comptroller scores Egged's finances

By KEN SCHACHTER
for the Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. – A stinging report due to be released today by the State Comptroller on Egged's financial arrangements with the government was met with a pre-emptive counter-attack by the bus cooperative yesterday.

At an afternoon press conference spearheaded by Shlomo Levine, the cooperative's general manager, and in later talks with reporters, Egged officials sought to defuse criticisms levelled by the reports, which was made available to the press yesterday but embargoed until today.

The state comptroller's report faulted Egged on a variety of issues. The chief points of the comptroller's were:

- Egged has a flawed operating agreement with the government and might be getting too large a subsidy;
- The bus cooperative failed to provide the government with adequate financial documentation on its *sister lines*;
- It didn't separate the costs of its regular route service from its hired bus service; and
- Egged paid 100 key salaried employees as much as NIS 20,000 per month.

Egged officials issued a point-by-point rebuttal, but also tried to seize the initiative by assailing the comptroller for failing to note the strides toward efficiency the company has made.

For example, officials said, the cooperative had 10,165 employees, including 5,876 members as of January 1, 1983. Three-and-a-half years later, the company had slashed its payroll by about 10 per cent while maintaining the same level of service. From April 1983 to August 1986, expenses were cut by 13.6 per cent.

Egged drivers each drive about 55,000 kilometres a year, officials said, about twice the yearly distance of drivers for London Transport.

The cooperative has been jarred in recent months by an internal battle for control and news reports that drivers had exceeded their hourly allotment and that some had taken drugs.

Egged officials maintained that *the news reports were unfair* portrayals which they attributed to an attempt by dissidents to wrest control from the current leadership.

The comptroller criticized both the cooperative and the government for creating an operating agreement that fails to differentiate between Egged's public transportation and its hired-bus business. Because of this, the report argues, it's impossible to determine if the government subsidy is too high.

The government pays 25 agorot for each half-shekel ride on urban routes. But roughly 20 per cent of Egged's business involves hired-bus work, such as ferrying Israel Defence Forces personnel to bases.

Egged officials countered that attempts to negotiate with the government a formula for calculating hired-bus rates had repeatedly failed.

The report noted that the government can't examine the finances of some companies that do contract work for Egged. Officials of the cooperative, however, said they couldn't force the companies to open their books.

The state comptroller is empowered to examine Egged's records because the cooperative receives a government subsidy.

Nonetheless, the bus cooperative's management had sought to squelch publication of the salary list of 100 highly paid specialists, such as economists and computer experts. Egged Management had cited possible wage demands by members and employees as a reason to keep the salary list out of the public domain.

In any case, officials argued, the salaries on the list were inflated by some one-time payments and didn't give a true picture of the salary structure.

One official estimated that the 100 average a net wage of NIS 2,500 per month, which reflects their worth on the job market.

One Egged official *said* the efficiency measures mandated by the three-year agreement with the government could backfire and dry up the pool of those who want to join and work for the cooperative.

Discount unveils new loan scheme

By PINHAS LANDAU

Israel Discount Bank yesterday unveiled a new consumer banking service, "Extra Discount," offering loans up to NIS 15,000 to individual customers.

The loan will be made available on a revolving basis – meaning that a customer can draw down as much of his "line" as he wants at any time – and operated through a special loan account that will be managed in tandem with a regular current account. The loan account will offer specially issued cheque books, enabling the borrower to make payments for any item, with a minimum purchase of NIS 100.

Having established with his branch the size of his credit line, from NIS 2,500 to NIS 15,000, and received his chequebook, the customer will be able to make purchases at will, up to the ceiling alloted him. Repayment is made by debiting the customer's regular current account on a monthly basis.

The minimum repayment will be 10 per cent of the outstanding balance, or NIS100, the higher of the two. But the customer has the right, of course, to repay in full at any time.

The account will therefore supplement the credit facilities already available to Discount customers, through personal overdraft facilities in their current accounts and through Visa "preferred" credit cards, which offer up to NIS 1,500 on a revolving basis. The "extra" account has the advantage of working through cheques, and thus giving access to many more shops and other businesses than credit cards do.

The disadvantage of the new account, on the basis of the figures published by Discount yesterday, is the high rate of interest being charged. The terms of the loan are prime plus between 1.75 and 2.5 per cent per month, depending on the quality of the customer and the collateral he provides.

In addition, the bank charges a commission for allocating the line of credit, of 1 per cent per quarter, or one-third of one per cent monthly, on the whole line, whether it is actually used or not.

Matam gets two receivers

By ANDY COURT
For the Jerusalem Post

A temporary receiver and a temporary liquidator have been appointed to represent the various creditors claiming a piece of Matam, the Moshav Movement's defunct discount chain.

On Friday, a Tel Aviv district court judge appointed lawyer Yisrael Gafni to serve as temporary receiver, representing the Agricultural Bank, which claims it is a secured creditor. Yesterday, another judge from the same court chose Ilan Shavit to be the temporary liquidator, representing Commercial Credit Services, Israel Maritime Bank, and most of Matam's other unsecured creditors. United Mizrachi Bank, its principal creditor, is not represented.

A secured creditor basically claims a priority over other creditors when it comes to dividing up a bankrupt company's assets.

Reports that Salon Mercazi, a Tel Aviv appliance company, was going to buy Matam and reopen the chain's five stores, have proved unfounded. Salon Mercazi was involved in negotiations, but it withdrew its proposal, according to Michael Zvineri, a senior official at Mizrahi.

Mizrahi is no longer negotiating with businessmen interested in taking over the management of Matam, but the receiver may take over those negotiations, Zvineri said.

He did not explain why Mizrahi had not, like Matam's other creditors, gone to court to seek a portion of Matam's assetts. However, he insisted that Mizrahi was by no means forfeiting its claims by the delay.

Matam, a popular consumer goods chain originally owned by the Moshav Movement, closed about a month ago after Mizrahi turned down a plan to reschedule the company's $15 million debt.

David Trippier, British tourism minister and parliamentary under-secretary for employment, is due to arrive in Israel this evening on a week-long visit.

Leumi board to discuss Japhet's compensation

Bank Leumi's board of directors will meet sometime within the next few days to discuss what a spokesman for the bank described last night as former chairman Ernest Japhet's "terms of the resignation."

Japhet, who was earlier criticized for accepting a $4 million to $4.5 m. lump-sum payment for giving up his Leumi post, was reported last week to be receiving a pension of $30,000 a month as well.

CURRENCY MARKETS

Thin trading undermines dollar

The dollar declined to its lowest level during the current cycle last week, while the Deutschmark reached new highs and the pound sterling strengthened significantly to reach highs not seen since early September.

These developments occurred in thin trading as many participants were absent for the holidays. Inter-bank activity remained slow all through the week, giving relatively small orders a strong impact on exchange rates.

The major economic development of the week was the U.S. trade deficit, which widened to a record $19.22 billion in November, while the October gap was revised upward to $14.71b. from $12.06b. A constructive 1.2 per cent rise in U.S. leading indicators in November failed to dispel concern that the American economy was poised for a significant slowdown in early 1987.

The breaching of recent lows for the dollar, which may signify a new down-leg for its major trend, should now be tested in an active market with normal volume. If the U.S. unit fails to recover within a day or two, it is advisable to sell the dollar. However, indications are that the dollar is oversold and a sudden bounce upwards would not be surprising at all. Indeed, the current exchange rate levels could form a basis for a strong dollar rally.

This belief is based on the fact that only the mark has reached new highs, while other currencies are still close to their resistance levels, at a time when a technical correction is expected.

The pound, meanwhile, is maintaining a strong up-trend.

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Index-linked Bonds	100.23+0.23%
Fully-linked	100.19+0.19%
Partially-linked	100.29+0.29%
Dollar-linked Bonds	99.39-0.61
Short-term 0-2 yrs	100.20+0.20%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	100.18+0.18%
Long-term 5+ yrs	100.13+0.13%

Turnovers:

Shares – total	NIS 12,199,100
Arrangement	NIS 3,0471,200
Non-bank	NIS 9,151,900
Bonds – total	NIS 5,483,900
Index-linked	NIS 3,065,500
Dollar-linked	NIS 2,418,500
Treasury Bills	NIS 16,743,100

Share Movements:

Advances	165	(208)
of which 5%+	42	(45)
"buyers only"	6	(2)
Declines	98	(55)
of which 5%+	20	(8)
"sellers only"	1	(1)
Unchanged	103	(108)
Trading Halt	50	(47)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked:	
3% fully-linked	Mixed to 1%
4.25% fully-linked	Mixed to 1%
80% linked	Rises slightly
Double-linked	Rises to 2%
Dollar-linked:	
Admon	Falls to 2%
Rimon	Falls to 2%
Gilboa	Falls to 3%
For. Curr. denominated	Falls to 1%
Treasury Bills (annual yield)	21.35-21.80%

The stock market indexes and arrangement yields for the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange were unavailable yesterday.

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Commercial Banks (not part of "arrangement")

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
Maritime	1280	6581	+8.5
General non-arr.	22201	33	+1.3
First Int'l	3511	2478	+2.3
FIBI	4750	2506	+2.6

Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
IDBr	82650	585	−1.9
Union 0.1	61400	281	−2.4
Discount	105760	232	−1.4
Mizrahi	34120	1055	−1.4
Hapoalim r	56200	1089	−1.7
General A	142300	20	−2.7
Leumi 0.1	35690	2187	−1.8
Fin. Trade	47000	2.0	−4.1

Mortgage Banks

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
Leumi Mort. r	7250	257	+1.9
Dev. Mort.	2500	161	+1.8
Mishkan r	2482	623	+1.3
Tefahot r	15870	20	+1.1
Merav r	6820	61	+5.1

Financial Institutions

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
Agric C	no trading		
Ind. Dev. DD	no trading		
Clal Leasing 0.1	16726	38	−10.0

Insurance

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
Ararat 0.1 r	1500	860	–
Hassneh r	340	22493	–
Phoenix 0.1	800	9479	+5.1
Hamishmar	6870	–	–
Menorah 1	2085	129	−4.6
Sahar r	5420	124	–
Zion Hold. 1	9586	25	−0.7

Trade & Services

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
Meir Ezra	no trading		
Supersol 2	7860	573	–
Delek r	3715	7258	+2.6
Lighterage	13880	37	−2.8
Cold Storage	1649	553	–
Dan Hotels	1550	140	+2.0
Yarden Hotel	2926	701	+10.0
Hilon 1	24701	35	+5.1
Team 1	1070	1932	+7.0

Real Estate, Building and Agriculture

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
Azorim	871	13832	+1.4
Ellon	559	13972	+1.3
Africa Isr. 0.1	no trading		
Dankner	4250	175	−3.4
Prop. & Bldg.	3755	1729	+1.5
Bayside 0.1	4920	897	+1.7
ILDC r	62700	237	+1.6
Rasco r	8020	98	–
Mehadrin	8000	194	+1.9
Hadarim	1365	1142	–

Industrials

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
Dubek b	4700	2764	–
Pri-Ze 1	no trading		
Sunfrost	12100	200	+2.5
Elite	no trading		
Adgar	570	6159	+4.6
Argaman r	18000	45	–
Delta G 1	3055	1051	+0.7
Maquette 1	no trading		
Eagle 1	no trading		
Polgat	3590	426	+0.7
Schoellerina	15300	59	–
Rogosin	2650	534	–
Urdan 0.1 r	6900	249	−2.3
Is. Can Co. 1	2974	4400	+1.8
Zion Cables	2325	682	+0.2
Pecker Steel	13350	121	−1.8
Elbit	388500	18	+0.8
Elron	291000	16	+4.3
Arit	32400	49	–
Clal Electronics	1890	1316	−1.0
Spectronix 1	2180	3414	+1.9
T.A.T. 1	5499	1329	+3.8
Ackerstein 1	no trading		
Agan 5	16270	48	+0.9
Alliance	2304	61	+1.0
Dexter	2745	162	−6.8
Fertilisers	4320	126	−10.0
Haifa Chem.	*454*	*11000*	*+0.2*
Teva r	8950	1257	+0.6
Dead Sea r	3972	5043	–
Petrochem.	530	16270	–
Neca Chem.	6480	261	−2.8
Frutarom	13410	30	−10.0
Hadera Paper	278500	53	+2.0
Central Trade	8450	722	+0.6
Koor p	7098000	0.1	–
Clal Inds.	1583	8652	+0.9

Investment Companies

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
IDB Dev. r	5300	1766	+1.0
Ellern	3791	2076	–
Afik 1	230	2524	–
Gahelet	1350	336	−3.6
Israel Corp. 1	12500	1030	+3.3
Wolfson 1 r	*113000*	*0.3*	–
Hapoalim Inv.	6840	1080	+1.0
Discount Invest.	3285	4495	+1.1
Mizrahi Invest.	22600	53	−1.7
Clal 10	951	11070	–
Landeco 0.1	3960	331	+10.0
Pama 0.1	11000	188	+10.0

Oil Exploration

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
Paz Oil Expl.	21160	61	+1.6
J.O.E.L.	4200	1844	+5.1

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES

PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.58% per month

Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	Last Updated	Tapas	Pakam 7-Day	Pakam 30-Day
LEUMI	31.12	8-17.75%	9-19.75%	12-18.50%
HAPOALIM	15.12	8-16.00%	9-16.50%	12-18.75%
DISCOUNT	17.12	7-16.00%	8-16.20%	14-18.50%
MIZRAHI	1.12	5-17%	6-17.50%	6-19.50%
FIRST INT'L	11.11	10-16%	11.70-17.20%	13-19.50%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest
Pakam. fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH — *FOREIGN* CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (December 31)

MINIMUM DEP	3–MONTHS	6–MONTHS	12–MONTHS
USD ($100,000)	5.875	5.625	5.500
STG (10,000 pounds)	9.750	9.750	9.750
DMK (100,000 marks)	4.125	4.000	3.875
SFR (50,000 francs)	3.000	3.000	3.000
YEN (3,000,000 yen)	2.875	2.875	2.750

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES (January 2)

		CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates
		Buy	*Sell*	*Buy*	*Sell*	
Currency basket	1	1.5020	1.5210	—	—	1.5030
U.S.A. Dollar	1	1.4710	1.4902	1.44	1.50	1.4848
Deutschmark	1	0.7673	0.7769	0.75	0.78	0.7733
Pound Sterling	1	2.1006	2.2159	2.13	2.22	2.2039
French Franc	1	0.2316	0.2345	0.22	0.24	0.2334
Japanese Yen	100	0.9311	0.9427	0.91	0.95	0.9383
Dutch Florin	1	0.6793	0.6878	0.66	0.69	0.6845
Swiss Franc	1	0.9140	0.9254	0.89	0.93	0.9227
Swedish Krone	1	0.2187	0.2215	0.21	0.22	0.2202
Norwegian Krone	1	0.2011	0.2036	0.20	0.21	0.2025
Danish Krone	1	0.2028	0.2053	0.20	0.21	0.2042
Finnish Mark	1	0.3102	0.3141	0.30	0.32	0.3124
Canadian Dollar	1	1.0679	1.0812	1.04	1.09	1.0761
Australian Dollar	1	0.9822	0.9945	0.91	1.00	0.9884
S. African Rand	1	0.6821	0.6906	0.44	0.53	0.6871
Belgian Franc	10	0.3637	0.3682	0.36	0.37	0.3712
Austrian Shilling	10	1.0896	1.1032	1.06	1.11	1.0986
Italian Lira	1000	1.1008	1.1145	1.07	1.13	1.1093
Jordanian Dinar	1	—	—	4.04	4.30	4.1277
Egyptian Pound	1	—	—	0.73	0.77	0.1789
ECU	1	1.5920	1.6119	—	—	0.7869

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EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS

(January 2)

PRECIOUS METALS

GOLD:	LONDON	A.M. FIX	402.40	P.M. FIX	403.50
	PARIS	NOON FIX	404.22	ZURICH P.M.	390.75
SILVER:	LONDON	FIX	536.25		
PLATINUM:	LONDON	P.M.	489.00		
PALLADIUM:	LONDON	P.M.	118.40		

FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

Forward Rates
(January 2)

	SPOT	*2 MTHS*	*3 MTHS*	*6 MTHS*
DEUTSCHMARK	1.9180/95	49/44	69/64	128/118
POUND STERLING	1.4910/20	120/118	180/178	366/362
SWISS FRANC	1.6230/60	72/65	98/92	192/177
JAPANESE YEN	158.05/15	52/50	72/70	137/132
FRENCH FRANC	6.3480/10	330/355	560/590	1000/1040
ITALIAN LIRA	1335.35/60	900/1000	1450/1575	2950/3100
DUTCH GULDEN	2.1665/72	10/6	14/9	33/25
BELGIAN FRANC	39.940/360	10.5/12.5	17.5/20.5	35/40
DANISH KRONE	7.2640/65	375/425	625/675	1350/1450
S.AFRICAN RAND	0.4622/29	30/23	40/33	80/70
EUROPEAN CURR. UNIT	1.0817/22	48/40	67/58	112/102
FINNISH MARK	4.7500/20	530/570	800/850	1625/1725
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.6645/50	86/83	123/118	213/207
NORWEGIAN KRONE	7.3260/90	1170/1210	1770/1810	3500/3560

Formula for determining forward rates:
high/low (eg. 220/210) — deduct from spot price.
low/high (eg. 210/220) — add to spot price.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS

(January 2)

U.S. MONEY RATES

Prime rate 7.50%; Broker Loan 07.50–07.25%; NY Euros 3 months 6 5/16-3/16%; Fed Funds late 6½%.

NEW YORK FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
CLOSING	1.9200/20	1.6090/00	1.4840/50	158.00/10	1.3800/10
OPENING	1.9165/75	1.6070/85	1.4935/45	158.05/15	1.3795/00
LATEST	1.9230/40	1.6140/55	1.4880/90	158.45/55	1.3780/85

Comment

The dollar closed mostly firmer Friday in dull dealings as it recouped only a slight amount of Wednesday's stiff losses. Underlying dollar sentiment remained bearish as the dollar began the new year. However, no major moves were expected until the foreign exchange returns to a more normal trading pattern this week.

ISRAELI STOCKS

TRADED IN NEW YORK:

NYSE and ASE

	Last	Prev. Close	High	Low	Vol ('00s)
Alliance	1⅞	1⅝	1⅞	1¾	8
Am Isr Pap	17¼	17⅛	17½	17¼	17
Ampal	1⅞	1¾	1⅞	1⅝	97
Elscint	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞	1¾	97
Etz Lavud	9	9	9	9	2
Laser Inds	12¾	12⅝	12¾	12⅝	43

Over the counter

	last	bid	ask		last	bid	ask
Aryt	—	6	6½				
Bank Leumi	—	22	24	Interpharm	—	4¼	4¾
Elbit	7¼	7¼	7⅝	Oprotech	4⅛	3⅞	4¼
ECI Tel.	2⅛	2⅛	2⅜	Rada	—	2½	2⅞
Elron	5⅛	5⅛	5⅜	Scitex	3¾	3¾	3⅞
Fibronics	6½	6¼	6½	Taro-Vit	—	2¼	2¾
IDB Bank	—	50	54	Tevapharm	—	6⅝	7⅛
IIS	3¼	3	3¼	SPI	2⅝	2¼	2¾

WALL STREET Closing Prices

Dow Jones Indices			**NYSE Highest Volume**		
IND	1,927.31	+31.36	P SVC COL	18⅞	+ ⅛
TRANS	816.38	+ 9.21	BELLSOUTH	59⅝	+1⅞
UTILS	210.44	+ 4.43	ILL POWER	29⅜	UNCH
STOCK	748.51	+11.68	GOODYEAR	42⅞	+1
NYSE COMP	141.01	+ 2.43	ATT	25¼	+¼
NYSE INDS	162.89	+ 2.78	SW BELL CP	114⅛	+1⅞
NASD COMP	353.26	+ 4.43	MERCK	126	+2⅛
S-P 100 INDEX	235.18	+ 4.10	COMW ED	34½	+ ¼
S-P COMPOSITE	246.45	+ 4.28	IBM	122	+2
AMEX INDEX	267.49	+ 4.22	OWENS-ILL	52⅞	− ⅛

Statistics

NYSE VOL. 91,880,000 — STOCKS UP 1,473 DOWN 161
NASDAQ VOL. 126,403,500 (Dec. 30) — STOCKS UP 964 DOWN 1,179

Comment

Wall Street stocks rang in the new year Friday with a sharp rise on low volume. The market got much of its adrenelin from the credit markets, which closed with strong gains. Sporadic arbitrage related buy programmes also provided support *throughout the session.*

"Once all of the year-end tax-related selling pressure was out of the way," Prudential Bache analyst Hildegard Zagorski said. "The market was free to bounce back."

OVERSEAS FINANCIAL DATA
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See and hear no evil

IN THEORY, an honest public servant is one who not only does his work properly but who reports any instance of evildoing and illegality in the organization, even at the cost of displeasing the responsible bosses. *But not, it seems, in Israel:* here the norm today requires seeing and hearing nothing the exposure of which might damage the organization, and prove personally inconvenient. Those who blow the whistle on *malpractices* are subject to humiliation and banishment, or at least demotion.

And when that happens, nothing short of massive and prolonged public pressure, or alternatively an explicit order by the High Court of Justice, or both, will lead to the reinstatement of the naive official who placed duty above safety.

Instances abound. At the Israel Lands Administration, Eli Amar was sacked over a year ago for doing the unpardonable: using his post as inspector to crack a corruption racket by fellow employees. Mr. Amar, it was said, was an extremely difficult chap to get along with, and he had to go. Only last week did the agriculture minister, Arye Nehamkin, *who oversees the ILA*, instruct its head to reinstate Mr. Amar. And only a year-long campaign on Mr. Amar's behalf caused Mr. Nehamkin to take that step.

At the Prisons Service, three officials – Shimon Malka, Haim Glick and Debbie Sagury – last summer filed a list of grievances against the then commissioner, Rafi Suissa. Mr. Suissa's response to the allegations of gross impropriety and lawlessness hurled at him was to demote his accusers. Even a finding in their favour by the Police Ministry's comptroller failed to make him reconsider his decision.

When the High Court stepped into the breach and ordered all three restored to their previous positions, Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev initially shrugged it off with the suggestion that it was all up to the new commissioner, David Maimon. Again, it took *intense public pressure to force the implementation of the* court's order.

The starkest recent example of the length to which the political system will go in victimizing the honest public servant is, however, supplied by the Shin Bet affair.

Three officials – deputy chief of the service Reuven Hazak, senior aide Peleg Radai and officer Rafi Malka – complained about their chief, Avraham Shalom, and his actions during and after the bus-hijack killing. For that display of civil courage they were villified by the political leadership, from the premier down, as self-seeking plotters, and were kicked out as unworthy of serving the country.

Later, of course, they were fully vindicated, while the malefactors within the Shin Bet whom they had exposed to the premier had to confess to the very crimes of which they had been accused in order to qualify for a pre-trial presidential pardon. But while the latter are still nearly all with the service, and guiding its operations, the former are out, and are deemed *ineligible for reinstatement.*

The narrow brief of the government jurists' panel which reported on the police findings in the case, did not allow for any recommendations on that point.

In a separate action, however, Deputy Attorney-General Yehudit Karp, a co-author of the report, last Thursday came out with a ringing call for reinstatement. In a letter to Attorney-General Yosef Harish she urged that, if that was not possible, the three should at least be given public recognition and tendered public thanks. This is surely the least that needs to be done, and it will reportedly satisfy at least Mr. Hazak and Mr. Radai, *who are less than keen on returning to the service* that has treated them so shabbily.

But the national interest demands that corrective action not stop there. For it is intolerable that the Shin Bet, a linchpin of the country's security, should to this day be administered by those who branded their honest colleagues "a bunch of squealers," and of whom the panel reported – with surpassing delicacy – that their testimonies to the police had "not always been accurate."

HERZOG

(Continued from Page One)

prominently between the two men.

The complex formula whereby both Catholic and Israeli officials were satisfied that the honour of both sides had been saved was worked out at a meeting between O'Connor and Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman. That meeting, also an exercise in diplomacy, took place on Saturday night at the Herzliya home of U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

Peres had previously insisted that he would only receive O'Connor officially, and not at his home. But a Foreign Ministry spokesman explained yesterday that Peres had decided that if the cardinal had *decided to call upon the president*, there was no reason for the foreign minister, who was lower in rank, to stand on ceremony.

Local Catholic circles in Jerusalem were yesterday caught off guard by O'Connor's decision to visit the president, but they later rallied round in a show of solidarity. A Roman Catholic source said last night, after the visit, that O'Connor's dress had clearly indicated that he had not deviated "from the well-known guidelines."

The visit was definitely "not a precedent" the source said, noting that there had been "analagous" if *not identical* visits. One such visit in plain clerical garb had been that of the then apostolic delegate, Archbishop Willian Carew, who in 1977 had delivered a message from Pope Paul VI to then president Ephraim Katzir asking for clemency for Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, who was serving a prison sentence for smuggling arms to terrorists.

The church source admitted that "many Roman Catholic churchmen in Jerusalem were perplexed at the last minute changes" in O'Connor's schedule. "Here we are used to having a schedule and sticking to it," he said.

Speaking to newsmen after the *visit*, O'Connor said that most of the time with the president had been devoted to listening to the "fascinating" exposition by Herzog of the *status of the peace process between* Israel and the Arab states.

The cardinal said he and the president had not discussed the relations between Israel and *the Vatican*. "I have no authority to do so," the prelate added.

As to what his visit had accomplished, O'Connor noted that much of his time had been spent visiting the institutions of the Catholic Near East Relief Agency, of which he is the president. In some, he had found a "greater need."

He had also met a number of "Israeli people" and a number of "officials, very informally," and had been very impressed.

He said he was concerned with enhancing relations between Jews and Catholics and remarked that he had groups involved in Jewish-Catholic dialogue in his own diocese of New York, as he had groups involved in Moslem-Catholic dialogue.

A spokesman for the president said that the conversation had also touched on the plight of the Jews of Lebanon and that Herzog had said that he "would appreciate every effort on their behalf." The president had also stressed that only direct negotiations between the parties concerned could bring a real *advance in the peace process, adding* that an invitation to such talks has been sent to King Hussein.

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The dangers of rightist literary subversion

Mikhail Agursky

RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE publications in the West (including Israel) seem to be an obscure non-profit part of the Western book market and media.

Serious politicians ignore it as marginal, and an Israeli politician *would greet a query on Russian-*language publications with a smile. However, these publications have acquired extraordinary political importance far beyond their circulation.

They have become a battlefield for various circles of the American radical right to make Soviet Jews an international *timebomb*, to be exploded whenever the possibility looms of a superpower agreement – and certainly in order to prevent any *improvement in Soviet-Israel* relations.

The Russian language book market and media cannot sustain themselves financially in the West: the prevalence of intellectuals among emigrants from the USSR is not balanced by a sufficiently large *community of readers, and thus the mar*ket can exist only on subsidies.

The situation of the Western Russian-language book market and media makes them totally dependent on the sources of the subsidies, and much less on readers' tastes and interests. Politically moderate readers, for example, have no choice but to read what is published by extremists.

However, subsidies are by no means always negative. If not for subsidies, *Russian-language Jewish* intellectuals would have almost no opportunity for self-expression, and many writers, poets and essayists *would have no creative outlet*. It is also quite legitimate that these writers' resentments against the Soviet system have become a dominant element of their work. If fact, all Western Russian-language literature is highly politicized.

The sad reality, however, is that this literature has become subservient to a bizarre radical-right philosophy and as a result, many former dissidents have mortgaged their integrity. Their lives have been transformed into a nightmarish fight for subsidies that are given regardless of any public criteria and that must be violently defended from outsiders.

More importantly for Israel is that *this political philosophy contradicts* vital Israeli national interests. This has been manifested quite clearly during recent controversy over Soviet-Israel relations.

Unfortunately, not only the Russian-language media in Europe and the U.S. have submitted to the political philosophy of the radical right. Israel's Russian-language media generally cannot be considered (although there are exceptions) as an authentic local express*ion of domestic interests*, but have become part and parcel of an international radical-right infrastructure manipulated from abroad by organizations which only profess to be Jewish.

Another aspect of the radical right is its clear hostility towards Israel. Since a large part of Israel's population is secular and even regards itself as socialist, American Christian fundamentalists see Israel as a state whose profile must be kept low. *Israel must not be given more power* than it has now: a stronger Israel might escape from American control and make a deal with the Soviets. *Israel is also to be distrusted* because it was founded partly through Soviet support in 1947-48, its "original sin." It can be understood why Israel's religious extremists enjoy the staunch support of American fundamentalists against secular and especially socialist elements.

Since Israel already exists, it must be reduced to the role of an American hatchet against the USSR. Various spokesmen of the American radical right have declared publicly, even in Israel, that Israeli foreign policy should be delegated to Washington and that the best option would be Israel's being another American state.

None of this would have much significance were it not that it betrays the political philosophy of the influential radical-right groups that administer large funds and somehow influence American foreign policy.

Since the American media are a *composite of many* trends which are as a rule incompatible with the radical-right philosophy, one can take Russian-language Western media as a litmus test for their authentic views. Moreover, the Russian-language media have recently acquired shrill anti-Israel and sometimes anti-Jewish overtones.

ONE CAN also see a growing trend to exploit marginal, emotionally unstable or even psychopathic Soviet Jews to wage an anti-Israel campaign in the Western Russian-language media. The campaign sometimes exceeds the Soviet anti-Zionist campaign in its intensity and hostility.

One of its most damaging events was the sudden about-face of the Paris-based emigre magazine *Kontinent* which in the past, when it was supported by the late Axel Springer, always looked to Israel for moral support. The magazine published the deranged allegations of one E. Broide, a Russian *yored*, accusing Israel of being Antichrist and of having a secret deal with the USSR to maintain the slavery of the people. This is a message to Soviet Jews not to come to Israel.

When Professor Mark Asbel, of the Tel Aviv University, protested, the magazine published his letter with very negative comments.

This type of slanderous anti-Zionism material is smuggled to the USSR and we need not be surprised that many Soviet Jews are afraid to come to Israel. Isolated accusations against Israel can be ignored, but if respected magazines like *Kontinent, Time and we* and others print terrifying stories, *it cannot help but influ*ence Soviet Jewish opinion in the USSR.

These allegations come from so many sides that many are led to believe that something is basically wrong in Israel. Bewildered Soviet Jews cannot guess that this bizarre campaign is somehow orchestrated.

What is even worse is that the same orchestrated media do exactly *what is being done* by various Israeli extremists: demand from the West to make emigration from the USSR a key condition for any agreement with the Soviet Union. Exactly the demand included in Broide's appeal published in *Kontinent*! While one wing of the radical right tries to discredit Israel among Soviet Jews and persuade them not to come to Israel, another wing tries to use the Israeli media to persuade Israeli public opinion to make all possible sacrifices for the sake of those same Jews and their freedom to emigrate – to any destination!

The radical right tries to make Soviet emigrants the backbone of the world radical right infrastructure, at the same time regarding the USSR as a fully-fledge materialization of evil and Israel as a crypto-communist country only waiting for the right moment to betray the U.S.

The American radical right has in one way or another established effective control over much of Israel's Russian-language media. It is clear that those few Soviet Jews who have fallen into the trap arranged for them, do not realize that they are manipulated by a force which is hostile in principle to the State and to Zionism.

They cause damage to our country which will take long years to repair. We must call a spade a spade.

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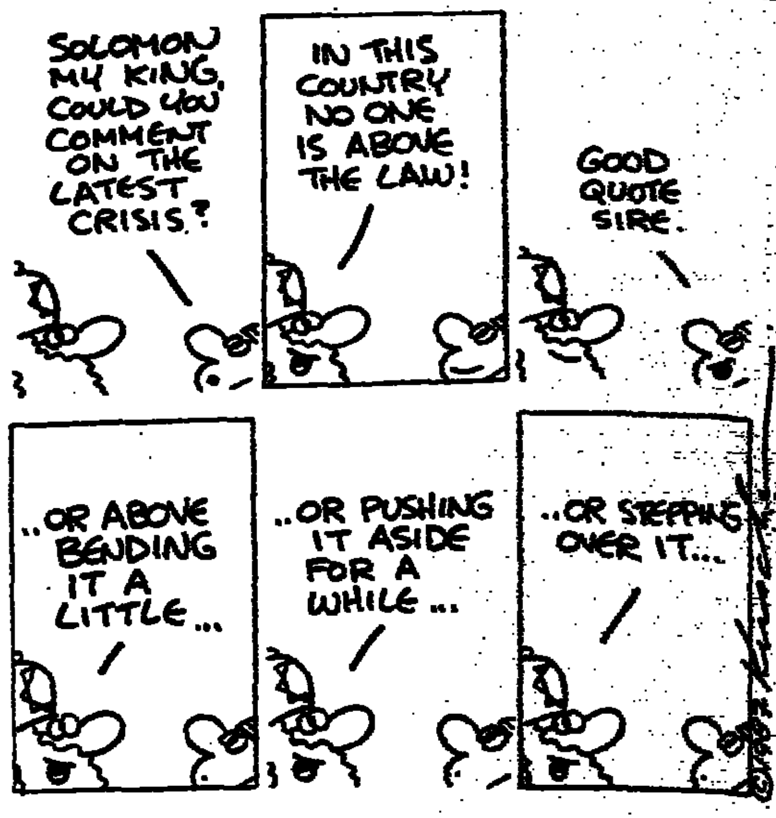
Dry Bones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READERS' LETTERS

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I wish to comment on the article by Macabee Dean of November 25, where he criticizes my compatriot about her problems with Israeli bureaucracy. I know he was poking fun, but Sharon's complaints are legitimate in my view.

I am tired of apologizing to the "old guard" for not suffering as they suffered, for being born too late to enjoy the malaria and humble huts. Yes, I do appreciate all that was done for me so I wouldn't have to sleep in a tent unless I wanted to go camping. My hands are calloused, not manicured. I didn't come here expecting an easy life, and by gum, it isn't easy compared to what I could have had if I were a rich Israeli instead of a poor immigrant, or if I had some *protekzia* where it counts.

I am not complaining about my way of life here – I chose it. What I am complaining about is rudeness, disorganization, the great "pass the buck" game, and attitudes which are left over from the "good old days." Well, wake up, old boy. The good old days are gone forever and it's time for change.

ELAINE GOLDSTEIN
Tzipori.

Macabee Dean comments:

I was poking fun at Sharon, but mainly I was criticizing all those Israelis who, once they passed through the same bureaucratic hazing process, did nothing, and do nothing, to rectify the present disgraceful situation. Why don't you organize? It's a free, democratic country.

As for the "old guard," as far as I *could clarify – a goodly percentage –* one source says as much as 90 per cent – couldn't stand the grind here and picked themselves up and left *for an easier life.*

Every country goes through a "heroization" process during its adolescent period; later it goes through a debunking period. But has the time for debunking come?

AFRICAN REGIMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I happened to be in Israel on December 7 and read the letter from Esther Levitan on your "Delegation to South Africa." I wonder where the writer gathered the facts that the South African system of government is among the most oppressive in the world.

No one can deny that it is nothing like as oppressive as that of Russia or any of the Eastern bloc countries and, regardless of what is made of *the situation in the international* media, South Africa has an independent judiciary and a press which, though no longer totally free, is at *least not owned by the government.* If your reader would care to survey the situation in the rest of Africa, he would find that with the exception of Botswana, there is *no independent* judiciary.

I wonder if your reader is aware that there has never been an election of any kind in either Mozambique or Angola, and that many countries such as Zaire are still governed by a dictator who took over during a military coup, with no support whatsoever from the local population.

None of this is to excuse the institutionalized racism mentioned, but this has been reduced over the past two to five years, leaving remnants which we hope to see the back of very soon. It is delegations such as that from Israel, which your reader would like to prohibit, that impart *the right kind of pressure within* South Africa to encourage the peaceful change that most of the people of all races would like to see.

Many of the countries of Africa have a one party state which entitles everyone to vote provided they vote for a candidate selected by the state. Would it be acceptable if the South African government instituted a similar system?

GRAHAM ANTHONY
Johannesburg.

THANKSGIVING AT ZOA HOUSE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I refer to Abraham Sayag's letter of December 17, about thanksgiving at ZOA House.

The ZOA House has been holding Thanksgiving dinners for the past 30 years. This event has always been a beautiful celebration and we are glad *that we are able to provide Amer*icans in Israel with a taste of home.

We always receive excellent feedback from the guests.

This year's event was as good as in any previous year. The atmosphere was warm, the food was traditional and excellent and as entertainment, we had authentic American folk songs.

I regret that Mr. Sayag did not enjoy the evening and I hope that, nevertheless, he will come again next year.

YORAM KLEINER
ZOA House
Tel Aviv.

CAR LEVY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Once again, we are informed that our "one-time-only" levy for private cars is being considered for further renewal (December 26). This abuse of the private citizen by elected officials must be brought to a halt.

Most of us who have bought cars in this country have done so after years of hard work. In most cases, none of us have ever earned anywhere near the ridiculous sums of money doled out to Knesset members and, contrary to these illustrious guardians of our democracy, we usually are at our place of work earning what in this country is termed a "salary."

Along comes our Finance Minister, and suggests a plan of reform which – given some goodwill – might just work. But it requires a cut in government spending, and brave political decision-making.

Rather than rising to the challenge of operating their overstaffed and unproductive ministries efficiently, our leaders prefer to remain obli*vious to the economic realities sur*rounding us all (especially those of us without government-provided limousines, chauffeurs, expense accounts, five-star hotel rooms, free meals, extensive travel, benefits after retirement, etc.) *and dump the* load of their inabilities and incompetence on the private citizen.

It is high time that our ministers disabused *themselves of the notion* that the public will tolerate their dismal performance any longer. Punishing citizens who work hard for the government's incompetence is a simpleton's solution. And if our government ministers are not sufficiently competent to do what they are supposed to do, and do it efficiently, they had best quit and let better people do a better job!

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